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Kiwi coach crow's: we'll kill Aussies

By PAUL MOON and LAURIE SCHWAB

"We are not looking for a narrow win against Australia on April 25," New Zealand national coach John Adshead informed a meeting of potential sponsors in Auckland late last week.

"We will go for something like 3-0 and our team is capable of doing it," he said.

"There is an honesty of purpose about the squad that I have not encountered before. I genuinely believe we can win comprehensively."

If that confidence is well justified,

SUPER SOCCER?

The ASF is reported to be planning a mid-week night series between at least two overseas teams in May-June to raise money for the Socceroos' World Cup expenses.

No Australian teams or players would be involved in the series.

rather than being mere swagger, it may add to the storm clouds gathering over Australia's World Cup campaign.

But Adshead's statements also will fire up the Australian players.

They certainly need motivation after recent developments.

First came the news that Ken Boden of Sydney City may miss at least the first three World Cup matches, against New Zealand, Indonesia and Taiwan, because he is not yet eligible for naturalisation.

Then John Yzendoorn of Heidelberg found himself in the same boat and probably will miss at least the first game, against New Zealand.

Both players have been here since



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1978 but the Immigration Department apparently does not credit them with the required three years of residency because they spent time outside Australia during that period — Yzendoorn while trialling with Ipswich and Boden while holidaying in England.

The change of venue for the return game against New Zealand also may affect Australia's chances.

The game was to have been played in Melbourne but now is scheduled for the Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday, May 16.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf does not want to play in Sydney. "I am not

interested in Sydney," he said. "They treat us badly there. I want to play all the home games in Melbourne, or Canberra. The players feel better in Melbourne. They have had good results there and they give their best effort there. I would have preferred Melbourne, but I can't do anything. I am just an employee."

Meanwhile, John Kosmina of Sydney City continues to maintain his fine form, intent on breaking into the national team. Another player who could come under consideration is Arthur Xanthopoulos, who starred as an attacking libero in South Melbourne's 2-1 victory over Heidelberg last Sunday.

The Socceroos of Marconi — Tony Henderson, Eddie Krncevic, Mark Janakovic in particular — recaptured their best form in beating Adelaide City 1-0 in Adelaide, but Heidelberg striker Gary Cole remains out of touch, possibly due to the extreme heat.

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VSF KICKS ON WITH BUFFALO

The Victorian Soccer Federation announced a \$100,000 three-year sponsorship deal with Buffalo Sports last week at Soccer House.

Believed to be the first of its kind involving a State Federation, the deal was the culmination of negotiations between Buffalo spokesman Eane Whitton and VSF marketing officer Lew Stafrace.

"This is a momentous occasion in Victorian soccer," said VSF president John Dimitis.

"Top sponsors are hard to come by and on behalf of the VSF I pledge our support to Buffalo Sports and I welcome our partnership."

The sponsorship starts on March 1 and will be re-negotiated at the end of the third year.

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Captains clash. South Melbourne captain Alan Evans (right) stays upright as Heidelberg captain Pat Bannon falls while trying to rob Evans. Heidelberg fell down 2-1 at the end of the local derby. Picture: LES SHORROCK.



Croatia tops, thanks to Carl Gilder

Tough striker Carl Gilder of Essendon Croatia has emerged as the star of the Victorian Ampol Cup series.

And George Cross is the most improved team after last weekend's round.

Gilder (pictured) who has represented Victoria seven times, scored two goals (and missed a penalty) in Croatia's 3-0 victory over Altona and he is at the heart of all the Croatia attacks.

Not surprisingly, Croatia is the top-scoring team in the series.

George Cross, strengthened by Ged Bannon and Dave Rigby from Hakoah, Harry McKinlay from Croydon, Paul Gambin from Ajax, Brandon Farmer from Altona and Brian Flaherty from Kellora-Austria, came good with a 2-1 victory over previously unbeaten Hakoah.

The 'Cross, coached by its former star winger Archie Campbell, should have an intriguing battle with fellow Maltese club Ajax in the State League championship which starts on April 4.

Gilder's brilliant form has prompted keen interest from Philips League clubs eager to strengthen their forward lines but the \$20,000 transfer fee which has been quoted for him may prove prohibitive.

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Senkalski's back

Joe Senkalski (right) has been recalled to the national squad.

The Newcastle KB midfielder will be back for a training game against the national youth team on March 11.

"I will have a close look at him and decide whether he will remain in the squad for the World Cup games," national coach Rudi Gutendorf said this week.

"He would have been in the squad all along had it not been for his injuries."

Senkalski was sent home from Australia's tour of China in late 1979 because of an injury.

He starred for Australia against Mexico in Melbourne last year.

Senkalski certainly will stay in the squad if Ken Boden and John Yzendoorn fail to gain citizenship before the first World Cup game, against New Zealand, on April 25.

Meanwhile, Gutendorf will fly to Saudi Arabia on March 16 to watch the Asian Group Three World Cup qualifying tournament which starts on March 18.

He will spend about a week in Saudi Arabia.

Gutendorf last week urged all national team players to do additional training to improve their fitness.

"Every Socceroo should do an hour's running and exercising every morning before going to work. After all, they will be well paid if they qualify for Spain."

He revealed that he had suggested to the ASF a bonus of between \$7000 and \$10,000 a man should the Socceroos reach the World Cup finals.



ASK A TASMANIAN ABOUT THE SOCCEROOS AND HE'LL SAY:

The Soccer Who?

By WALTER PLESS

The fact that the Australian national soccer team, the Socceroos, has never played in Tasmania is a national disgrace.

More youngsters than ever are playing soccer in Tasmania but their idols remain overseas players like Keegan, Maradona, Dalglish and Clemence.

They follow club teams like Liverpool, Spurs and Arsenal, or national teams such as England, West Germany, Brazil and Argentina, rather than their own country's national side.

Soccer receives relatively little exposure on Tasmanian television. What it does receive is entirely from overseas. 'Match of the Day', 'The Road to Wembley', and the occasional, very brief newsclip, represents the grand total.

It is from these that the local youngsters glean their information. As for the Australian scene — nothing! Names like Kosmina, Krcevic, Sharpe Davidson and Treddinnick mean little, if anything.

A visit to Tasmania by the Socceroos would familiarise the local youngsters (and many adults also) with the big names in Australian soccer. It would also give young players a glimpse of what the future might hold for them. Such a vision is essential if soccer is to develop.

Financially, a visit by the Socceroos might not be an outstanding success. This should not always be the prime consideration, however.

As a public relations exercise it would be a hit.

Many overseas national teams play their home international matches in one centre. West Germany plays in cities other than Munich, Brazil in cities other than Rio, Argentina in cities other than Buenos Aires.

This is so that the entire population has the chance to see the national side in action, even if only occasionally.

It helps, in terms of support, to 'show the flag' in the 'provinces' every now and then.

Tasmania has just obtained the services of a full-time Director of Coaching, Steve Darby, a highly qualified man in both the academic and sporting sphere.

He is determined to unite the Tasmanian soccer fraternity and advance the game in the State.

He has made a good start. He has conducted a Preliminary Coaching Course, taken training sessions with clubs, and appeared at two open forums on the subject of coaching.

He has many ideas, is willing to listen, and is keen to get things moving.

The Australian Soccer

Federation could really lend a hand by sending the Socceroos to Tasmania to play a game against local opposition.

Since Tasmania narrowly failed in its bid to enter a team in the Philips League, a visit by the Socceroos is essential if soccer is to be promoted.

Now that Hobart has a ground equipped with floodlights, a match could be played during the week if necessary.

A large crowd would be guaranteed and the Socceroos might even boost their self-confidence by knocking in a few goals.

Most importantly, however, when asked about the Socceroos, youngsters would cease to answer: 'The Soccer Who?'

Cork pops up with Doc again

When Tommy Docherty took up the reins at Sydney Olympic he kept in mind a young fellow called David Cork whom he signed on apprentice professional forms while managing Manchester United in 1976.

One of 44 on United's playing staff, Cork failed to progress beyond the youth team, appearing alongside Andy Ritchie, Kevin Moran, Mike Duxbury and Gary Bailey, all of whom are now first division regulars.

Docherty's successor, Dave Sexton, released him at the end of the 1977-78 season, to be snapped up by home town club Doncaster Rovers.

Cork, just 5 ft. 6 ins. and weighing slightly over nine stone, was unable to make an impression in the English Fourth Division where strength, tenacity and workrate are the prerequisites for success.

After only nine appearances for Rovers, Cork was placed on the free transfer list in May 1980.

Speedy and creative either in midfield or on the wing, Cork should soon establish himself as a favorite amongst Pratten Park patrons. — PAUL MOON



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Boden and Yzendoorn show how little we have learned

The Ken Boden case showed yet again how little we have learned from past mistakes.

Most papers reported last week that there was grave doubt about whether Boden could be naturalised in time to play in Australia's opening World Cup game against New Zealand on April 25.

Now there's grave doubt also about John Yzendoorn's eligibility.

Remember 1977 when Jim Tansey had to be flown from Ba to Suva in Fiji to be naturalised after it was discovered at the last minute he did not have Australian citizenship? The Socceroos were in Fiji at the time to play World Cup matches against Taiwan.

Boden and Yzendoorn of course are not to blame in the present dilemma.

What disappoints me the most is that the administrators allowed the problem to come out into the open.

Now that it is public know-

ledge, the Immigration Department must feel obliged to treat Boden and Yzendoorn as it would treat any other resident. To show the players special consideration would constitute a precedent.

Had it been kept quiet, a bit of string-pulling may have been possible behind the scenes, but the administrators have bungled again and the Kiwis have good reason to chuckle.

If Boden is indeed ruled ineligible for the first World Cup game, it would be a painful blow to the Socceroos, as he is one of their most important attacking players.

As things stand, Boden's absence probably would create an opening for Mark Jankovics, perhaps Joe Watson.

Early-season performances in the PSL indicate many teams were not prepared for the league kick-off.

Little wonder!

You can't perform well without practicing well and without Ampol Cup involvement, most teams had only friendly games in which to gain match practice.

But a sparring partner is not the same as a league opponent, and so the inadequacy of preparation was painfully obvious in the first few league games.

Some performances by teams and individual players — including many of the Socceroos — were absolutely atrocious.

The heat obviously had a lot to do with it but for next year some form of pre-season competition may be necessary to ensure the teams are sharp for the start of the league.

I was quoted in an Adelaide paper of being critical of Graham Neale who refereed the West Adelaide v. Blacktown match.

However, I had made it clear to the journalist who quoted me that what I was saying was off the record and not to be quoted.

It is normal practice to talk frankly to journalists under such circumstances and usually one is secure in the belief that the journalist will honor your wishes.

In this case, he did not. I was most disappointed as I always have had the highest regard for this journalist and for his usually ethical approach.

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Big gun on the way but Ron Davies bid fails

Preston fans are anxiously awaiting the arrival of a star recruit from England.

No names yet, but coach Brian Edgley has dropped a few hints.

The player is about 29, he is a midfielder or forward, he played about 82 games for Everton and 140 for "another First Division club" and since joining a club in the Second Division, that club has gone "nine or 10 games" without defeat.

"I'm 95% sure of getting him," Edgley said.

"He has agreed verbally and we have sent him contracts to sign."

"I hope we can get him here within a few weeks."

But Edgley's attempt to pull off a coup by signing Welsh international striker Ron Davies from English Third Division club Fulham seems to have failed.

The English Football Association has clamped down on the movement of professional players reaping lucrative rewards from guest stints with overseas clubs, principally in the North American Soccer League.

"It's unfortunate that Australia has to suffer from an F.A. decision primarily aimed at stopping the problems associated with English players going to America during the off season," said Edgley.

"To get Davies we would have to pay a huge transfer fee, at least \$250,000 and take over his contract with Fulham."

"That means without bonuses we would be up for around \$300 a week which just isn't on."

Davies was keen to come here for a 12-game stint with Preston. He asked his secretary at Fulham to contact the Football League to clarify the situation but found out that his contract with Fulham would have to be cancelled and taken over by Preston.

"I still haven't given up hope. In fact I've written to the F.A. to look into the matter further," said Edgley.

"Davies would have been a tremendous acquisition. He's quick and excellent in the air. Actually he wasn't asking for a tremendous amount of money to come and play here but the F.A. ruling has set back on play."

"There are quite a few English clubs after him

and I'm not so sure that Fulham can hold on to him much longer."

Edgley is confident about Preston's chances in the Phillips League, despite an unsuccessful start.

"We were a little bit overawed at first and so we played defensively, with a lot of emphasis on marking," he said.

"But now we see that the PSL teams aren't as fantastic as they are made out to be."

"Against Marconi, we had to cope with seven or eight internationals, and we played well enough to win that match instead of losing it 1-0."

"I had Gordon Flavelle on Tony Henderson, Jeff Faulkner on Gary Byrne, Ljube Petrovski on Peter Sharpe, John Higham on Eddie Krncevic and Peter Ollerton as sweeper and it all worked well."

"Now we are back to the attacking style that won us the State League last year."

"Our game is going at people, while of course still keeping it tight at the back, and that is what we want to do now. We've got the talent up front; in fact Cullen, McMillan and Brown are probably the fastest forward line in the league."



Ron Davies

Sanity at last: Shoulder

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

institute aren't the best 16 youths in the land... the institute isn't ready to cope with such a high intake of athletes.

These are some of the views of former Australian national coach Jim Shoulder, now Director of Soccer at the new Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

Shoulder has been here for three weeks and has embarked on his task of organising and supervising a training program for 16 boys who have accepted scholarships at the institute.

"There are a few problems with this new project and the institute isn't really ready for the high intake of athletes," said Shoulder.

"Ideally speaking you would want another six or nine months to elapse before all the projects are fully equipped."

"We're better off than some other sports because we've been able to use the facilities at Canberra College which is about a mile away from the indoor centre."

"We're still waiting for some balls but they're on the way at last."

The 16 boys will form the squad which will represent the institute in the Eastern Region of the newly formed National Youth League. Shoulder will coach them.

"We haven't had a chance to properly prepare for the start of the season but I've been pleasantly surprised by the standard of the boys in practice matches."

"The players here mightn't be the best 16 in the land but they're among the best 30 or 40 youths and we've enough quality to have a better than useful side in the league."

"It's just not practical to turn these lads into full-timers," said Shoulder.

"I see them forming a supplementary pool of players from which lads can be drawn into the national youth side."

"I hope to improve the performance of the lads and maybe give Rudi Gutendorf a couple of names for October."

"Provided every boy walks away from the institute saying that it was worthwhile, that he's a better player for the experience and has a fuller understanding of what the game's about, then I'll have done my job."

In the youth league the boys at the institute play on Sun-

days, take a break on Mondays and train for the following four nights from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm, with another training session on Saturday mornings. They also will be supervised when they undertake a fitness circuit in their own time.

Shoulder will draw up a timetable so that every youth will have a personalised program of specialist coaching for an hour each week.

Shoulder's task is stiff but the rewards compensate for the work he must put in.

"Last June I had an application sent to me with a full specification of the job requirements and I liked what I read."

"I wanted to be involved in the development of young players, the financial rewards were good and since I last was here my family's grown so my wife and I felt that the prospects for the education and employment of our kids were better served by being in Canberra rather than in County Durham in England."

"Way back in 1975 there wasn't any national youth championships but there was an under-12 national championship."

"Now we're starting to put sanity back into the game here by implementing a youth championship, a national youth league and developing the institute."

"We're starting to use our resources properly at last. Sometimes progress has been like taking two steps backward and one step forward but overall we're progressing now."

Much of the progress to which Shoulder refers has been funded by Coca-Cola and he commends the company for being prepared to pour money into youth soccer as against senior soccer. He's also happy with the blend of players selected in his squad.

"I've got to congratulate Eric Worthington, Brian Emery and the others responsible for selecting these boys because I've got a well-balanced squad. There are lads with mobility, good dribblers, boys with strong physical attributes, some with fine balance. All in all I think we'll do well in the league. Having such a fine blend is a bonus to start with."

But the biggest bonus could be Shoulder's appointment. His work is instrumental to the future of Australian soccer.



Coach Jim Shoulder (standing, extreme right) with the 1976 national team. From left, standing: Marocchi, Harding, Jones, Kosmina, Reilly, Maher, Barnes, Ollerton, Bennett. Front: van Rijn (massour), Abonyi, J. Nyakohus, Muniz, Wilson, Rooney, Byrne, Harris, Williams.

Arms raised in triumph, Steve Kakantonis celebrates a goal for South Melbourne Hellas.

Kakantonis to Footscray, Campbell out

South Melbourne Hellas has agreed to release speedy forward Steve Kakantonis to Footscray J.U.S.T. on loan until the end of the season.

But South Melbourne will not transfer Kakantonis until after its game against Footscray on Sunday.

"We don't want Steve scoring goals against us," team manager Leo Anazakis said.

South Melbourne will require Footscray to insure Kakantonis for \$10,000 against injury and Kakantonis will revert back to Hellas at the end of the year.

"It is better for Steve to be playing regularly and improving, rather than sitting on the bench at Hellas," Anazakis said.

But Hellas' reserve strength has been dissipated by the sale of Rob Stewart to Frankston and an injury to George Campbell.

Exploratory surgery revealed last week that Campbell needs to have a cartilage operation, just as George Christopoulos did last year and Arthur Xanthopoulos two years ago.

It is likely that Campbell



George Campbell: out for the whole year?

will miss the rest of the season.

Footscray coach Cedo Kirkovic initiated moves to get Kakantonis. He coached Kakantonis while he was in charge of South Melbourne's Second Division team.

"He is very fast and he suits our style of play. He also can play well in midfield," Kirkovic said.

Kakantonis' first match in the blue strip probably will be against Preston Makedonia on Sunday week. — LAURIE SCHWAB

Australian juniors to play in NZ?

Australia is one of 12 countries likely to be invited to compete in the 1982 Pan Pacific Youth Tournament, tentative plans for which were released by the New Zealand Junior Football Association last week.

Other possible participants in the tournament for teams under the age of 15 are Canada, China, Fiji, Japan, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands,

South Korea, Tahiti and Vanuatu.

Provisional venues include remote centres in both the North and South Islands which never have experienced representative soccer.

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South Melbourne	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	5:3
Sydney City	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	3:1
Brisbane City	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	3:2
Marconi	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	2:1
Canberra	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1:0
Preston	1	0	1	3	2	0	0	3:3
West Adelaide	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	3:3
Leichhardt	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	3:4
Brisbane Lions	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	2:3
Blacktown	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	3:5
Footscray	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	3:6
Adelaide City	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0:2
Sydney Olympic	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	6:4
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PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

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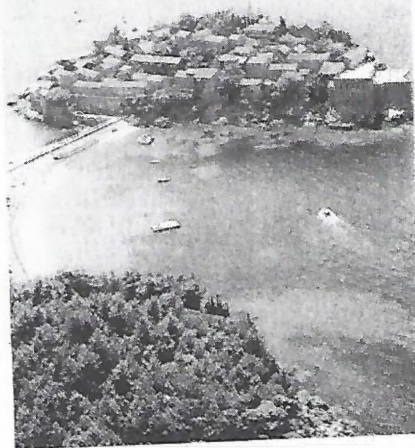
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

WOLLONGONG 2 (Treddinnick, Dunleavy) FOOTSCRAY 1 (Cozzella) at Wollongong Showgrounds. Votes by Knut Werner:

6. de Graaf (W), 5. Ilioski (F), 4. Kyriakoulas (F), 3. Preston (W), 2. Dunleavy (W), 1. Treddinnick (W).

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Buljevic, Xanthopoulos) HEIDELBERG 1 (Paton) at Middle Park. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Shirra (SM), 5. Xanthopoulos (SM), 4. Yeandoom (H), 3. Evans (SM), 2. Buljevic (SM), 1. McMillan (H).

BRISBANE CITY 0 CANBERRA CITY 0 at Spencer Park. Votes by Bruce Waddell:

6. R. Wilson (Can), 5. P. Wilkinson (BC), 4. Ratcliffe (BC), 3. Stark (Can), 2. Hamilton (BC), 1. D. Cole (Can).

SYDNEY CITY 1 (Kosmina) WEST ADELAIDE 0 at St George Stadium. Votes by Tom Anderson:

6. Kosmina (SC), 5. Tymczyszyn (WA), 4. Muniz (SC), 3. Crook (WA), 2. Pezzano (SC), 1. McGregor (WA).

PRESTON 3 (Cullen, Lucchesi, Brown) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Katholos) at B. T. Connor Reserve. Votes by Kyle Patterson:

6. Cullen (P), 5. Petrovski (P), 4. Ollerton (P), 3. P. Wilson (SO), 2. Katholos (SO), 1. Brown (P).

NEWCASTLE KB 0 (Drinkwater) BLACKTOWN 1 (Salvage) at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lazoni:

6. Drinkwater (N), 5. James (B), 4. Salvage (B), 3. Bertogno (N), 2. Djordjevic (B), 1. Pointer (B).

LEICHHARDT 0 BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Lambert Park.

Votes by Ted Smithies:

6. Kefka (L), 5. Hogg (BL), 4. Pullen (L), 3. Hemmiston (BL), 2. Bennett (BL), 1. Wilson (L).

ADELAIDE CITY GIANTS 0 MARCONI 1 (Jankovics 63rd) at Hindmarsh. Votes by Mano Toudalidis:

6. Henderson (Marconi), 5. Byrne (Marconi), 4. Russell (Adelaide City), 3. Krmavcic (Marconi), 2. B. Nyakohus (Adelaide City), 1. Mitchell (Adelaide City).

Leaders:

11. Ilioski (Footsc), Kosmina (SC).

10. Boyle (WA), Cullen (P), Drinkwater (Newc), Mitchell (AC).

9. de Graaf (Woll), Evans (SM), Ollerton (P), Bertogno (Newc).

8. Davidson (SM), Reaney (Newc), P. Wilkinson (BC), Pezzano (SC), Petrovski (P), Djordjevic (Black).

7. Kyriakoulas (Footsc), Stark (Can), Brown (P), Salvage (Black), Kefka, P. Wilson (L'hardt), R. Russell (AC).

6. Zeros (SO), Bozanic, Tymczyszyn (WA), Perry, Coe (BC), Barnes (SC), Maher, Henderson (Marc), McClelland (Newc), Dunleavy, Treddinnick (Woll), Shirra, Buljevic (SM), R. Wilson (Can), Bennett (BL).

Leading scorers:

2. C. Campbell, McBreen, Dunleavy (Woll), Hughes (L'hardt), McClelland, Buckley (Newc), Christopoulos (SM), Kosmina (SC).

Footscray first, and another match in the evening...

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Although soccer addiction doesn't present sociologists with a pressing social problem a curious phenomena on Sunday in Melbourne could be well worth observation.

South Melbourne meets Footscray at Schintler Reserve in the afternoon and the soccer addicts who fail to get a hit out of this match can well and truly overdose on Sunday night when they stumble along to Olympic Park to turn on to the Heidelberg-Preston clash.

Oh to be Greek now that Sunday's approaching!

South Melbourne and Heidelberg have a floating group of fans who can enjoy the best of both worlds provided both sides aren't playing on the same day at the same time.

Sure, both teams have their ardent devotees but on Sunday the Greek soccer public has two chances to go home happy.

Two matches in the same day would be enough to whet the appetite of most fans. Two local derbies on the same day could pose cardio-vascular problems!

Sunday night's game is a first for Melbourne.

So is the expectation that Greek fans will pay eight dollars to watch South Melbourne in the afternoon and Heidelberg at night.

But there should be many smiling faces among the large

Greek contingent squashed into Schintler Reserve.

Footscray has a threadbare squad without the quality or depth of South Melbourne.

Footscray's greatest problem stems from its midfield.

Joe Piccione time and again is caught in possession, Siobodan Jovanovic is a fine player but below his best and Viatko Belic lacks finesse and experience. Indeed it's a mystery to me why Footscray allowed Mirko Rujevic to transfer to Victorian State League Northcote.

Zoran Illoski is a fine player. His value is best seen in his versatility. Coach Cedo Cirkovic can use Illoski as a libero in a five-man defence or push him into midfield.

But South Melbourne boasts one of the best midfield combinations in the PSL.

Billy Rogers, John Stevenson and Jim Shirra should reign supreme in the middle and guide Souths to another two points in its quest for title honours.

An out-of-sorts Heidelberg tackles Preston at 7.30 pm Sunday night in what should be a fiercely contested clash.



Robert Cullen

A draw looks the best bet as both sides are determined to erase the memory of poor starts to the season.

If Jim Tansey is fit his battle with Preston dynamo Rob Cullen should be a feature of this game.

Preston coach Brian Edgley thinks highly of Ljube Petrovski's marking ability so he may set Petrovski the daunting task of tagging Jamie Paton.

Preston is showing signs of regaining the powerhouse form of last year but Heidelberg's experience and class should match Preston's drive and enthusiasm.

Sydney's local derby features

This weekend's PSL clashes with likely winners in capitals:

IN SYDNEY

Blacktown v Leichhardt (draw) at Gabbie Stadium, Sunday, 3pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v Adelaide City at Barton Stadium, Sunday, 3pm.

Marconi v Brisbane City (draw) at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3pm.

IN MELBOURNE

Footscray v SOUTH MELBOURNE at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3pm.

HEIDELBERG v Preston at Olympic Park, Sunday night, 7.30pm.

IN CANBERRA

Canberra v SYDNEY CITY at Bruce Stadium, Saturday, 4pm.

IN ADELAIDE

West Adelaide v NEWCASTLE at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30pm.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane Lions v Wollongong (draw) at Richlands Stadium, Sunday, 3pm.

Games in the Australian Youth League Eastern Division with likely winners in capitals:

Leichhardt v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Lambert Park, Sunday, 12.45pm.

NEWCASTLE v Blacktown at the International Sports Centre, Sunday, 12.45pm.

Wollongong v MARCONI at Wollongong Showground, Sunday, 12.45pm.

Sports Institute v Sydney City (draw) at Bruce Stadium, Sunday, 12.45pm.



Marconi goalkeeper Allan Maher punches clear of Adelaide City's David Jones. At left is Eddie Krncevic. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

CROWD WATCH

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Total so far this season: 81,396.

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Attendance breakdown:

	1980	1979	1978	1977
L'hard v BL	2561 (0-0)	1003 (0-0)	4000 (2-1)	
SC v WA	2404 (1-0)	3174 (7-0)	1891 (3-0)	4102* (2-1)
SM v H'berg	12,500 (2-1)	8565 (0-0)	12,000 (0-1)	16,000 (1-1)
BC v Can	2500 (0-0)	2863 (1-1)	1500 (0-1)	4100 (1-0)
Newc v Black	6343 (1-1)	4063 (1-0)		3850 (0-1)
AC v Mar	2300 (0-1)	4600 (0-1)		
Woll v Foots	5317 (2-1)		7800 (2-4)	5000 (4-0)
Prest v SO	3000 (3-1)			13,132 (1-0)

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Worry for Wollongong, Cozzella gets nod



Socceroos of Marconi are back in form

Wollongong 2 Footscray 1

Goals, Wollongong: Tredinnick 71st, Dunleavy 88th; Footscray: Cozzella 78th. Ground: Wollongong Showgrounds.



Knut Werner

MATCH RATING 7

Weather: warm and sunny. Referee: Tim Davies 7. WOLLONGONG: Preston 8 - Fleming 7, Dunleavy 7, de Graaf 9, Morlando - McBrean 6, Lathan 6, Adam 6, Tredinnick 7 - Campbell 6, Turner 6 (Fontan 76th).

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 6 - Iliaski 8 - Milne 6, Kyriakoulas 8, Kondorides 7, Petrov 7 - Jovanovic 6, Pkicovna 7, Bolic 6 (Hazabent 7, half time) - Simic 6, Vasic 5 (Cozzella 7, 60th min).

Wollongong is undisputed PSL leader with three wins from three games after escaping from what should have been a draw, but it faces a problem of gigantic proportions next month.

Its three New Zealand internationals - Clive Campbell and Brian Turner who were well contained by Kyri Kyriakoulas and Jim Kondorides - and Bill de Graaf who was best on the ground, will be away for up to six weeks!

The New Zealand World Cup

the strikers and play defence and counter-attack, hoping for a point.

Morton knows this. He was disappointed that his men persisted in trying to play through the middle against Footscray rather than go wide, and he has been working at training this week on rectifying the fault.

"We had one of the best players on the park in Peter Tredinnick on the left but we never got it out to him. The one time we did, he scored. It was the same on the other side where we failed to use John Fleming and Jim McBrean."

Footscray coach Cedo Cirkovic was disappointed. "I couldn't believe that we lost," he said. "Our team played very well and we deserved a draw, but I must say that Wollongong is a very good team."

Striker Dragan Vasic missed two easy scoring chances - one of them an absolute "sitter" from five metres. Cirkovic has reacted by dropping Vasic from tonight's (Wednesday's) Philips Cup match against Preston Make-donia.

Bruno Cozzella, who scored after replacing Vasic in Wollongong, will play in Vasic's place tonight, and probably also against South Melbourne

Hellas at Schintler Reserve on Sunday.

Footscray still is waiting for recruits from Yugoslavia and Eire but no-one seems to know exactly who they are or when they'll be here.

Footscray made it harder for Wollongong than Heidelberg had the previous week, but Wollongong also let itself down a little by failing to function as it should in midfield. The midfield didn't close down quickly enough and some of the players persisted in trying ridiculously ambitious balls instead of playing it simple.

Wollongong's opening goal was the result of a move from Fleming to McBrean to Lathan who switched ball to Tredinnick.

Tredinnick cut inside the full back and hammered it home from about 12 metres.

Then Footscray broke on the right and the cross was headed in powerfully by substitute Cozzella between Chris Dunleavy and Bill de Graaf.

But Wollongong snatched both points when a corner by Tredinnick went over all heads and was touched on by goalkeeper Dennis Boland to Dunleavy who goalked at the far post.

Best on the ground was Bill de Graaf who played a Beckenbauer-type game at the back.

Adelaide C. 0 Marconi 1

Scorer: Jankovics 63rd

Crowd: 2300

Cautions: Perin (Adel City) - sent off, Henderson (Marconi), Byrne (Marconi), Mariani (Marconi).

Weather: Cold with heavy rain

Referee: Don Campbell.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7 - B. Nyskohus 8, Russell 8, Jones 7, Dods 7 (Buch) - Perin (sent off 23rd), Marocchi 7, Melia 7, J. Nyskohus 7, Mitchell 8, Villani 6 (Northcote).

MARCONI: Maher 7 - Brogan 7, Mariani 7, Henderson 9, Tomasich 7 - Raskopoulos 7, Byrne 9, Colusso 7 - Sharpe 7, Krncevic 8, Jankovics 8.

Memo Rudi Gutendorf: Patch up your differences with Gary Byrne and add him to your Socceroo squad immediately.

Don't worry about Eddie Krncevic's form or fitness. He isn't deficient in either area. Incidentally, Tony Henderson

is in superb touch and played so well that few people noticed that his over-rated Socceroo colleagues Jim Muir and Ivo Prskalo were not on the field.

However, a lot of people did notice Peter Sharpe and Mark Jankovics. They both played exceptionally well.

Indeed, all of Marconi's Socceroos shone in this bruising 1-0 win which did not please Giants fan.

They were upset with the sending off of idol John Perin in the 23rd minute.

But Perin deserved the red card Referee Don Campbell flashed at him.

Campbell had moments earlier cautioned him for a crude tackle on Peter Sharpe.

Perin, who actually had begun arguing before he was given a yellow card, kept re-monstrating and was eventually sent off.

It was quite irresponsible of Perin, particularly so early in the match.

Despite his dismissal, the Giants did not surrender but



Meno Tousidis

MATCH RATING 8

finally succumbed to a brilliant goal from Jankovics.

Peter Raskopoulos started the move with a superb pass to Krncevic who flicked it to Jankovics for the lithe striker to score from six metres.

The Giants attempted to run through Marconi's defence and almost succeeded, but their most dangerous forward, David Mitchell, just could not wriggle free of defenders at the crucial moments.

With the Giants willing to attack, their defence was often exposed and they could easily have conceded another goal late in the game.

With a rain storm over the stadium, Peter Sharpe outplayed Peter Marshall on the edge of the penalty area, but instead of shooting he passed to Jankovics who put the ball into the net but with an off-side flag waving furiously in the gale.

The loss not only meant that the Giants have not won a game this season, but also that they have yet to score a goal.

Allison coming?

Dave Allison is keen to come to Australia and play for a Victorian club.

The 26-year-old defender or midfielder has played for English club Blackpool and has been a full time professional with Urban Services in the Hong Kong league for five seasons.

He is the son of well known English coaching identity Malcolm Allison and currently plays in the Cheshire League.

Further particulars can be gained from Willie Coulson on 726 9273.

James saves Demons

NEWCASTLE 1 BLACKTOWN 1

Ground: International Sports Centre. Weather: Mild and sunny - Ground firm.

Cautions: Hormazabal, Djordjevic, Milovenovic, Polard, Cubas.

Crowd: 6343.

Referee: Chris Bonbridge 6.

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS: Dando 7, Reaney 7, Curran 7, Bertogna 8, Drinkwater 9, Mason 7, Senkalski 7, Buckley 7, Heys 7, Mountford 7, McClelland 7, Replacements: Jones 7, replaced McClelland 77th.

BLACKTOWN DEMONS: James 9, Wheatley 7, Milovanovic 8, Pointer 8, Pollard 7, Salvage 8, Djordjevic 8, Hormazabal 7, Cubas 7, O'Donnell 7, Milasevic 7. Replacements: Ortega replaced milasevic 77th.

Overseas scores

ENGLAND: Aston 2, Arsenal 1, Chelsea 3, Derby 2, Everton 2, Fulham 2, Ipswich 2, Liverpool 2, Manchester United 2, Newcastle 2, Nottingham Forest 2, Oxford United 2, Peterborough 2, Queens Park Rangers 2, Sheffield Wednesday 2, Southampton 2, Tottenham 2, Watford 2, West Ham 2, Wimbledon 2, York City 2.

ITALY: Bologna 1, Juventus 1, Lazio 1, Fiorentina 1, Inter 1, Milan 1, Roma 1, Sampdoria 1, Torino 1, Udinese 1, Venezia 1, Verona 1.

WEST GERMANY: Borussia Dortmund 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 2, Hamburger SV 2, Hertha Berlin 2, Kickers Offenbach 2, Mainz 2, Borussia Mönchengladbach 2, FC Köln 2, FC Schalke 04 2, VfB Stuttgart 2.

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Joe Lanzoni

MATCH RATING: 6

Scorers: Salvage (BD) in 41st, Drinkwater (NR) 45th.

Take a team determined to get least a point out of the game, playing against a team that finds it difficult to breach a well-disciplined defence, throw in an over-zealous referee (five yellow cards, four of which were handed out for trivial technicalities) and what you have is a dull match.

Rale Rasic's Blacktown Demons came to town determined to spoil the Raiders' full points record so far, and managed to do just that, aided by the woodwork on a couple of goalkeeping by Bruce James.

One serve in particular in the second half when Arno Bertogna turned a well-directed corner by Heys towards goal, only to see James brilliant palm the ball over the bar, was a classy effort.

Stuart Salvage was obviously instructed to smother Senkalski out of the game, a play that succeeded to a certain extent. He did not supply his forwards with his usually impeccable service.

We had to wait until the 25th minute for a sign of life. Brenko Culina took a corner from the left and Pointer's header hit the outside face of the post.

Eight minutes later it was the Raiders' turn to hit the woodwork when Buckley's header from a cross from the right by Heys also hit the outer face of the post.

But it was Blacktown who drew first blood in the 41st minute. From a free kick on

the half way mark the ball was headed on by Culina to Salvage, who had "ghosted" behind the defence and his diagonal shot gave Dando no chance.

But the Newcastle supporters did not have to wait long for the local team to get on level terms again.

Just on the stroke of half-time Buckley took a free kick on the left, McClelland's shot was deflected by James on to the bar, and Roy Drinkwater picked up the rebound and slotted it away.

Blacktown is a much more useful side than the shrewd Rale Rasic would have us believe.

Their defence is disciplined and reliable marshalled by a classy Yugoslav import Djordjevic, playing as libero.

Their midfield is hard working and experienced, and in Culina they have a hard working striker.

Newcastle did not lose any friends through their performance, but Alan West will be hoping the injured Steve Summer returns to the team soon.



Bugsy Nyskohus of Adelaide City sweeps the ball away from Marconi's goalscorer Mark Jankovics (right). Picture by FRANK HOBBS

Kosmina knocks on Rudi's door

Sydney City 1 West Adelaide 0

Scorer - John Kosmina (39th minute).

Ground - St George Stadium. Conditions - very hot.

Referee - Tony Boskovic 8.

SYDNEY CITY - Pazzano 7, Souness 7, Bruce 7, Cant 6, Gomez 6, Spanos 6, Watson 6 (sub Patikas 79th min), Bodon 6 (sub Silva 60th min), Muniz 8, Barnes 7, Kosmina 9.

WEST ADELAIDE - Crook 7, Tymoczynski 8, Mogechev 6, Topaz 6, Haig 7, Boyle 6 (sub Brown 83rd min), Bosanic 6, Norris 6, McKie 6, McGregor 7, Manass 7.

1978 PSL champions Sydney City continued their unbeaten run but were far from impressive in this win.

Tom Anderson

MATCH RATING: 6

where City's John Kosmina and Agenor Muniz.

Kosmina grabbed the all important goal in the 39th minute when he outjumped a flat-footed West Adelaide defence to head home a Muniz cross.

Kosmina is a fine player who must surely be knocking on the door for selection in the Socceroo team.

His running off the ball and his ability to shield it and make space is excellent.

Of course he can also score the goals, which is what the striking position is all about.

Unfortunately, for most of the game he had to plough a lone furrow and lacked real support.

Given the support he deserves, Kosmina will be one of the most dangerous finishers in the PSL.



Tom Anderson

Wilson's weakness not fully exploited

Brisbane City 0 Canberra Arrows 0

Ground - Spencer Park.

Weather - fine and hot.

Crowd - abt. 2000

Referee - G. Power 7.

Cautions - MacLaren (Canb); Giffney (Arrows).

BRISBANE CITY - COE 7, Hamilton 8, Caldwell 7 (Pallinas 66th), Wilkinson 8, Kelso 6.

CANBERRA ARROWS - WILSON 8, M. O'Shea 7, Byrne 7, Stark 8, R. O'Shea 7, Cole 7, Massa 7, J. O'Shea 6, Valeri 6, MacLaren 6 (Farrell 75th), Brennan 6 (Giampaolo 61st).

New Zealand international goalkeeper Richard Wilson is prone to being a little suspect in cross ball situations.

But on the other hand, anything slammed straight at him, or even a metre to the right or left, he will most likely counter with his stunning reflexes.

Both of these facts were patently obvious when City and the Arrows battled out a scoreless draw to maintain their unbeaten records in a match which had its share of goal-mouth highlights.

The city player who bore the brunt of Wilson's brilliant hat-trick of saves was gutsy centre forward Paul Wilkinson, who early in the piece looked as if he might not see the whole thing through.

Wilson landed heavily on Wilkinson's head during an early exchange and the striker looked to be suffering from double vision as he staggered back to the halfway line after a break of three minutes.

The first minute Wilson



Bruce Waddell

MATCH RATING: 6

spearheading towards the roof of the net until the Kiwi finger-tipped it over.

After 24 minutes of the second half, a Wilkinson shot deflected off the leg of defender Terry Byrne and although Wilson was going the wrong way he recovered perfectly to pluck the ball down safely.

Then, some seven minutes later, Wilkinson again forcefully headed towards the corner, this time from a Frank Pimblett free kick, Wilson lunged to shove it onto the post and the ball was finally cleared.

But the interesting facet of Wilson's play centred upon two dropped cross balls, one in each half.

From this match is obvious goals are to be hard to come by for the Arrows have scored only once in three games, while City only is marginally better with three, two of them penalties.

Both sides admittedly were a little unlucky. Giant midfielder John Massa hit the post for the Arrows in the first half

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Jamie Paton collides with team mate Andy Bozikas (left) in his eagerness to get in a shot. At right is Billy Rogers of Hellas. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Sth Melbourne 2 Heidelberg 1

Scores: Sth Melb. Buljevic 13th. Xanthopoulos 83rd. Heidelberg: Paton 46th.

Ground: Middle Park. Crowd: About 12,500. Weather: Hot and windy. Referee: J. Johnston 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 6 — Xanthopoulos 9 — V. Bannan 8, Blair 7, Rogers 8, Davidson 6 — Stevenson 6, Shirra 8, Christopoulos 7 — Evans 8, Buljevic 8.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7 — Yankos 8 (inj. sub. Provan 81st), P. Bannan 6, Yzendoorn 8, McMillan 8 — Selemidis 7, Campbell 6, Rooney 7 — Cole 5, Paton 7, Bozikas 7.

Jim Shirra lived up to his reputation as a top-liner in this, the second victory by South Melbourne Hellas over Heidelberg since the PSL started in 1977. Now Hellas aims to do it again in the Cup match against Heidelberg at Olympic Park next Wednesday, while Heidelberg aims to re-establish its traditional dominance.

Before last Sunday's game, Heidelberg had won six and drawn four of the 11 games against Hellas.

In previous seasons, the first match between these two teams always ended in a draw. It was only in the second round that Heidelberg asserted its superiority.

Although Hellas was the superior team last Sunday, the



Laurie Schwab

MATCH RATING 8

match may well have ended in a draw — or even a Heidelberg victory had Gary Cole scored in a breakaway instead of trying a short square ball which, instead of reaching Jamie Paton, was cleared by Steve Blair.

Branko Buljevic maintained his remarkable scoring rate in matches between these two clubs. In opening Hellas's account with a diving header after 13 minutes, he scored his 16th goal in this fixture — four for Hellas and six for Heidelberg from where he transferred in late 1979.

As a result of this loss and its 0-3 to Wollongong the previous week, Heidelberg finds itself dead last on the Phillips League ladder — and on Sunday it meets improving Preston Makedonia which defeated Sydney Olympic 3-1 last weekend.

Heidelberg played a little better than it had against Wollongong but remains only a shadow of the team it was last year. The quick series of one-touch passes and lay-offs that characterised Heidelberg's play last season were evident only rarely.

Hellas's twin strikers Alun Evans and Branko Buljevic showed a far greater work rate than their counterparts Gary Cole and Jamie Paton, while in midfield Hellas controlled play through Shirra, the model of composure and good sense.

Additional drive came from right back Vince Bannan and from sweeper Arthur Xanthopoulos who had a memorable match and who scored the winning goal seven minutes from the end.

Xanthopoulos was left as a free man, because Billy Rogers was pulled back out of midfield to make Cole. Steve Blair was on Jamie Paton and Alan Davidson had Andy Bozikas.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf has said so often that he wants a sweeper, or libero, who will attack. He should have been there on Sunday to see Xanthopoulos's performance.

Xanthopoulos was on hand to cut off most attacks that passed Blair or Rogers and he buckled the ball forward, showing no mercy in his tackles. I lost count of the supporting runs he made off the ball, and it was fitting that the honor of scoring the winning goal fell to him.

Billy Rogers also deserves praise. For the third successive week, he was tireless and remorseless. Just ask Gary Cole.

Hellas could persevere with this tactic, though instead of shackling Rogers to the defence, he and Xanthopoulos could alternate during play.

Jim Tansey, Heidelberg's Soccerroo left-back, remained on the sidelines due to injury, but should be back against Makedonia on Sunday.

Hellas took the lead in the 13th minute when Buljevic threw himself at a forward ball from Shirra and headed into goal while horizontal in mid-air.

Cole had a perfect opportunity to equalise in the 25th minute, the ball ran loose from midfield after it had struck referee Jack Johnston, enabling Cole to run goalward unmarked.

But instead of putting it away, Cole tried a short square pass which was cleared by Blair.

Heidelberg maintained a brief period of dominance during which Yzendoorn, Paton and Bozikas all had dangerous shots.

Heidelberg equalised only seconds after half-time through Paton who whipped home a goal after Theo Selemidis had headed down a Bozikas corner.

The goal prompted South Melbourne to step up its efforts and George Christopoulos was unlucky to have a shot cleared off the line by Yzendoorn in the 55th minute.

Christopoulos was foiled again when another good shot was held by goalkeeper Jeff Oliver.

Heidelberg right-back Charlie Yankos was hurt and replaced by Bob Provan in the 83rd minute.

And it was only two minutes later that the winning goal came for South Melbourne.

Buljevic pushed the ball wide on the left to Shirra whose long cross found Evans lurking at the far post.

Evans headed it down and Xanthopoulos hit it home on the volley.

Korea and Qatar in world youth finals here

BANGKOK, — South Korea defeated Thailand 1-0 in the final round of the 22nd Asian Youth Championships here to earn a berth at the world tournament in Australia in October.

The South Koreans scored their lone goal in the 19th minute of the first half, and won the prestigious Abdul Rahman Cup.

Qatar earlier defeated Japan and took second place, gaining the right to take part in the world tournament.

But Thai sports officials said Qatar may bypass its chance, allowing third-placed Japan to go to Sydney.

'Pathetic' says Docherty as Olympic fails to Preston

Preston 3 Syd. Olympic 1

Scores: Cullen (P) 22nd, Lucchesi (P) 49th, Katholos (ISO) 64th, Brown (P) 85th.

Ground: B.T. Connor Reserve. Crowd: est. 3000. Weather: warm and windy. Referee: Evan Venios 7. Courtiers: Cross (ISO), Ollerton (P).

PRESTON: Kastner 6 — Rainey 7, Petrovski 9, Higham 7, Beech 6 — Faulkner 6 (Ward 69th min), Lucchesi 7 (Little 85th min), Flavell 6 — Brown 7, Ollerton 8, Cullen 9.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson 8 — Ankudinoff 6, Zeros 5, Rowden 5, Cross 5 — Katholos 8, Cork 5, Houssien 5 (Mouls 43rd min, injured replaced by K. Wilson 53rd min) — Laing 5, Koussas 7, Jennings 6.

Tommy Docherty was a bundle of nervous energy as his team Sydney Olympic prepared to take the field against Preston.

The team's late arrival

(caused by a flight delay in Sydney) had added a little more urgency to the usually hectic dressing-room atmosphere.

He shakes each player's hand and wishes him good luck. A pat on the back, and some last-minute instructions, clenched fists and gritted teeth, urging super efforts.

The stakes may have been higher when the 'Doc' was with Manchester United but he acts as though his life depends on the next 90 minutes at Connor Reserve.

Of course as Docherty will tell anyone, winning a game of soccer is far more important than life or death.

But despite Docherty's inspiration, Olympic was defeated 3-1 by Preston Makedonia. Olympic played badly, and Docherty appeared drained as he paced the dressing room among his battered charges.

Clearly, the 'Doc' was in no



Kyle Patterson

MATCH RATING: 6

mood for clinical analysis of his team's performance.

Tommy, you must not be too pleased with Olympic's game!

"It was pathetic, absolutely pathetic. We started badly and got worse."

What about the renewed efforts after Peter Katholos had made the score 2-1?

"I didn't enjoy one minute of the game."

What did you think of Preston's performance?

"They were bad, but we

were worse. There were some players on the field today who are only good enough to play for a pub team in England."

Tommy, weren't you impressed with individuals like Cullen and Petrovski?

"I wouldn't take any of the Preston players if they were offered to me for free."

What's Olympic's main problem?

"We're not professional enough, and we're too nice a team."

What can you do to solve the problems?

"Work very hard, that's how. For a start, we'll train every night this week."

Do you always get this upset by defeat?

"Not at all. We lost 3-0 to Wollongong and I wasn't unhappy because we played well. We were beating South Melbourne and ended up drawing, but I wasn't unhappy. But with all due respect to Preston, we were pathetic today."

The victory was Preston's first in the PSL, and on this performance there will be more wins coming up.

Robert Cullen hit top form, and was dynamite on the forward line.

Ljube Petrovski — playing as sweeper gave a fine display of defensive and attacking play.

Big Peter Ollerton stroled about the place, completely in command. His header set up Cullen's goal, and his challenge for Jeff Faulkner's cross set up the opening for Claude Lucchesi to score in the 49th minute.

And when coach Brian Edgely decided to 'sit' on a 2-1 lead, it was Ollerton who dropped back from the forward line to protect the Preston goal.

Preston wasn't extended by Olympic — except for a brief period after Katholos had scored — and could have added two goals to the tally with better finishing.

Doug Brown scored Preston's third goal five minutes from time, effectively taking the sting out of Olympic's semi-final, which followed Katholos' fine goal.

Olympic's midfield was its downfall. Apart from the courageous Katholos, Preston had no opposition in this department.

Olympic goalkeeper Peter Wilson and Katholos put on impressive individual performances.

But two players can't make a team and no amount of positional changes can make a bad team a good one.

The 'Doc' has an interesting few months ahead.

Kafka the only shining light

Leichhardt 0 Brisbane Lions 0

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 7, Smith 7, Pule 8, Wilson 7, McAusland 6, Kafka 8, Layden 6 (Cyrus 73), Gray 6, Hughes 5, Pirie 5 (Soper 65), O'Connor 5.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 8, Oatway 7, Niven 7, Bennett 7, Hermonson 5, Hogg 5, McLean 5, McKeaghen 5, Konstantinides 5, Lindsay 5, Ferris 5, Milman 6. Referee: Richard Lorenz 8. Crowd: 2651.

In the heat of Lambert Park, Leichhardt side is still floundering. Looking for that winning touch, in fact, the home side produced a few chances and should have walked away with both points, but stumbled and fumbled in front of Lions goal missing what surely must be considered some dead "certs".

Bill Pirie, the man who was brought from Scotland to add much needed fire power was the main offender and could be on the bench in next Leichhardt game against Blacktown Demons at the Gabie Stadium.

Alan Hughes, another man with fine credentials was also a let down for the home side. He missed a sitter in the dying seconds of the game, when it seemed easier to blow the ball into the net without hitting it, but he skied his shot to the dismay of many Leichhardt supporters.

It was no wonder that a few of the ardent Leichhardt supporters were asking questions after the game and looking for answers from their coach Willie Wallace. It was well that they had such good defenders otherwise, Leichhardt would have been a beaten team on its performance. Brisbane Lions tried hard but



Ted Smithies

MATCH RATING: 3

never looked good enough to penetrate the home side's defence, while at the other end, few chances were created and as many wasted.

Phil O'Connor, regarded by many as a strong contender for the national team has slipped further away from his form of a couple of years ago. His form as well as that of Coyne, Pirie and Hughes must be a terrible headache for the Leichhardt side.

Zdenko Kafka, the ex-Dinamo and Sydney Croatia player was a bright spot in this side and some of his touches brought roars of approval from the local crowd. However,

his creativity was not exploited and the side got what it deserved — a mere point.

In addition to Kafka, Wilson, Pullen and Skellern did well, while Woodhouse was a spectator throughout this match.

For the visitors, young Stephen Hogg was their best, darting about like a terror attempting to get his players into action. Jim Hermonson was at his usual professional best and was well supported by Col Bennett and Alan Niven, while Nigel Lownds in goal was sound.

Ron Millman should be paid extra money for having to run on his own up front every time Lions are playing away from home, while Bobby Ferris must learn to avoid the offside trap if he is to have an impact up front.

It should be mentioned that both sides felt the heat on the small strip at Lambert Park and a cold shower would have been greatly welcomed at the end of the game.

So much for suggestions of summer soccer.

At night, maybe! But certainly not at 3:00 in the afternoon, when most of our soccer loving crowd is enjoying its time at the beach or in the local swimming pool.

HOLLAND, SPAIN

SPAIN: Barcelona 6 Hercules 0, Salamanca 2 Real Betis 0, Real Zaragoza 0 Real Sociedad 0, 1, Real Madrid 3 Las Palmas 0, Real Valladolid 2 Osasuna 1, Almeria 1 Valencia 0, Athletic Bilbao 1 Sporting 1, Sevilla 2 Espanol 0, Real Murcia 0, Atletico Madrid 2.

HOLLAND: Willem 11 Tilburg 0 Utrecht 1, Feyenoord Rotterdam 2, Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 2, Psv Zwolle 1, Excelsior Rotterdam 1, The Hague 1, Sparta Rotterdam 3.

PORTUGAL: Portuguese Cup final result, Vasco Da Gama Da Silva 1 Benfica 2, Farense 0 Porto 2, Quimada 1 Braga 1, Inter Amal Almada 1, Alcabala 1, Uniao De Leiria 1, Académico Da Coimbra 0, Oliveira De Froide 2, Penafiel 1, Leiria 0.

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Footscray and Preston should draw a huge crowd to tonight's (Wednesday's) Olympic Park battle in the first round of the 1981 Philips Cup.

These two fierce enemies will fight to a standstill after tonight's double header is opened by Victorian State Leaguers Hakoah and Juventus at 6.45 pm.

There's little love lost between Footscray and Preston.

Both sides met in the final of last year's Victoria Cup with a depleted Preston line-up recording a memorable 1-0 victory.

Earlier in the Victoria Cup Preston hammered Footscray 4-1 so the revenge motive will be foremost in the

FOOTSCRAY AFTER REVENGE

mind of the Footscray players as they run on to Olympic Park.

Preston is a fine cup side.

Non-stop running and harassing is a feature of its play. Just watch Preston captain George McMillan. His fierce competitiveness is the hallmark of the Preston side, a competitiveness which should see Preston knock off Footscray and maintain its dominance over its arch rival.

Preston coach Brian Edgley won't miss out on this chance to imbue his players with a positive psychological attitude in their inaugural PSL year. A good win here

would go a long way to erasing the memory of Preston's early losses in its PSL campaign.

The first of tonight's games between Hakoah and Juventus brings together two State League teams with pretensions for top four berths at the end of the season.

Under a never-say-die cup atmosphere critics will be keen to appraise which side has the better chance of succeeding in 1981.

Bobby McGuinness and Fabio Incantalupo are forming an effective spearhead for Juve's attacking bursts. Mendo Ristovski will come under the scrutiny of his former Footscray team mates playing in the second

match against Preston, and he will be keen to show them that he's lost none of his former dash.

Juve's biggest problem will be trying to stop the aggressive running of Stan Webster who seems to be thriving in his second State League season alongside tall mate Richie McClunie.

McClunie probably will be tagged by Juve's central defender John Creany and although McClunie should win in the air the Juventus front line should do just enough to snatch a berth in the second round of the Philips Cup.

Tonight's (Wednesday's) Philips Cup games with likely winners in capitals:

Hakoah V JUVENTUS at Olympic Park, 6.45 pm.

Footscray V PRESTON at Olympic Park, about 8.30 pm.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

J.U.S.T. has to prove it's the better side



By CEDO CIRKOVIC
Footscray coach

J.U.S.T. has something to prove against Preston Macedonia tonight (Wednesday).

We were always too good for Macedonia until they beat us 4-1 at Middle Park in the Victoria Cup early last year — and they followed up that win by beating us 1-0 in the cup final.

We deserved to lose the first game, but not the second.

The first game was spoilt by fighting, which started with Zdravko Lujic and Ljube Petrovski got worse as other players joined in.

Macedonia played without Peter Ollerton, Robert Cullen and a few other players in the

final, while we had to make do without Kyri Kyriakoulas. We deserved to win that game.

So we will try to make up for that loss when we meet Macedonia tonight in the Philips Cup.

I feel sorry Lujic is not here to help us, but hopefully we will have Steve Kakantonis from Hellas.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

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Chris PETROV
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Jim MILNE
Joe PICIOANE
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We're out to win the cup!

We're in this Philips Cup to win it make no mistake about that!

Last year we were going for the league, championship and different cups all at the same time.

Now that we're concentrating upon just establishing ourselves in the PSL I



By BRIAN EDGLEY
Preston coach

think we can do really well in this cup.

I'd like to predict that we'd hammer Footscray but I'm not going to be drawn into making rash predictions.

Cedo Cirkovic and his side but I can see our lads starting to recapture the form of last year and with an early goal tonight (Wednesday) we'll give Footscray a hell of a game.

We're a very hard side to beat, just ask any Marconi official. After we played Marconi in Sydney two weeks ago their officials said after the match that we were a really fine side and they thought that we could make the top four.

Our supporters are tremendous and it's important for us to win tonight for their sake as much as for our own.

Basically we're very strong from the front to the back and the players who missed out on playing in last year's Victoria

PRESTON MAKEDONIA

Lou KASTNER
Ljube PETROVSKI
Peter OLLERTON
John HIGHAM
Steve BEECH
Jeff FAULKNER
Gordon FLAVELLE
Claude LUCCHESI
Rob CULLEN
George MC MILLAN
Doug BROWN

is a good player George should have the edge in almost every department. George is very hard to knock off the ball and he's got tremendous speed and will be too fast for Kondarios.

I rate Doug Brown as the fastest player in the league!

He's like lightning and believe me we haven't seen the best of him yet. When he's running flat out with the ball he's almost impossible to catch and he's got a terrific shot with both feet.

I reckon he'll be a world beater in another couple of weeks I'll predict that he'll have an outstanding career in Australia.

Ljube Petrovski is an outstanding defensive player. He commands so much respect at the back and I can use him as a tagger or as a creative defender because he's so versatile.

If our midfielders do their job tonight, and I'm sure they will, then the task for Brown, McMillan and Cullen will be made so much easier.

Our midfielders are young but experienced as they've been together for a couple of years and understand each other's play.

I reckon we're a quicker side than last year by at least another two yards.



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Hard luck Fred



By JOE WILSON,
Juventus coach

We'll give Hakoah a hell of a game and although they're more experienced than us in one of two positions I've got no doubt that our lads will discipline themselves and run out winners at the end.

I think Hakoah needs two players, maybe three, to stop Bobby McGuinness now that he's so confident and sharp.

They might be a bit physical with him to try and put him out of the game. The same goes for Fabio Incantalupo. There's been a few defenders who have tried to rough him up early but they get a hell of a shock when they try that sort of stuff.

Peter Donaldson typifies the new found spirit we've got at Juventus.

John Creany can match Richie McClunie in the air in fact it will take a really top striker to beat Creany.

We can't afford to forget about Graham French and we have to watch out for his runs from deep because he often gets on the blind side of defenders in the box.

Fitness will be a crucial factor but I've no doubt that our lads will see it out to the end.

We're a better side than Hakoah. Our lads are starting to believe in themselves and they're learning to take pride in the club when they pull on the black and white stripes.

At the end of the game I hope to be shaking Fred Buncie's hand and saying hard luck Fred, better luck next time.

Juventus is overrated



By FRED BUNCIE
Hakoah coach

We're a better side than Juventus. Not just defensively but overall.

I think Juventus is overrated but it's early in the season and they'll improve. Indeed, although we're playing quite well there's room for improvement.

All that Juventus has up front is Bobby McGuinness. We'll just use the nearest man to mark him.

I'll leave my options open in midfield. Since moving Graham French back there he seems to be enjoying the extra freedom but Chris Kent's suspension has forced me to push Graham forward.

If he comes up against Peter Donaldson I think he'll take him to the cleaners!

Fabio Incantalupo is doing well this year but he lacks experience against Jimmy Wilson. Jimmy's a hard grafter and he follows my instructions to the letter.

The Philips Cup offers real rewards for Hakoah, not just financially but getting into later rounds will give the club a boost if and when it decides to apply for entry to the PSL.

It also gives the players the chance to see what's required from

JUVENTUS

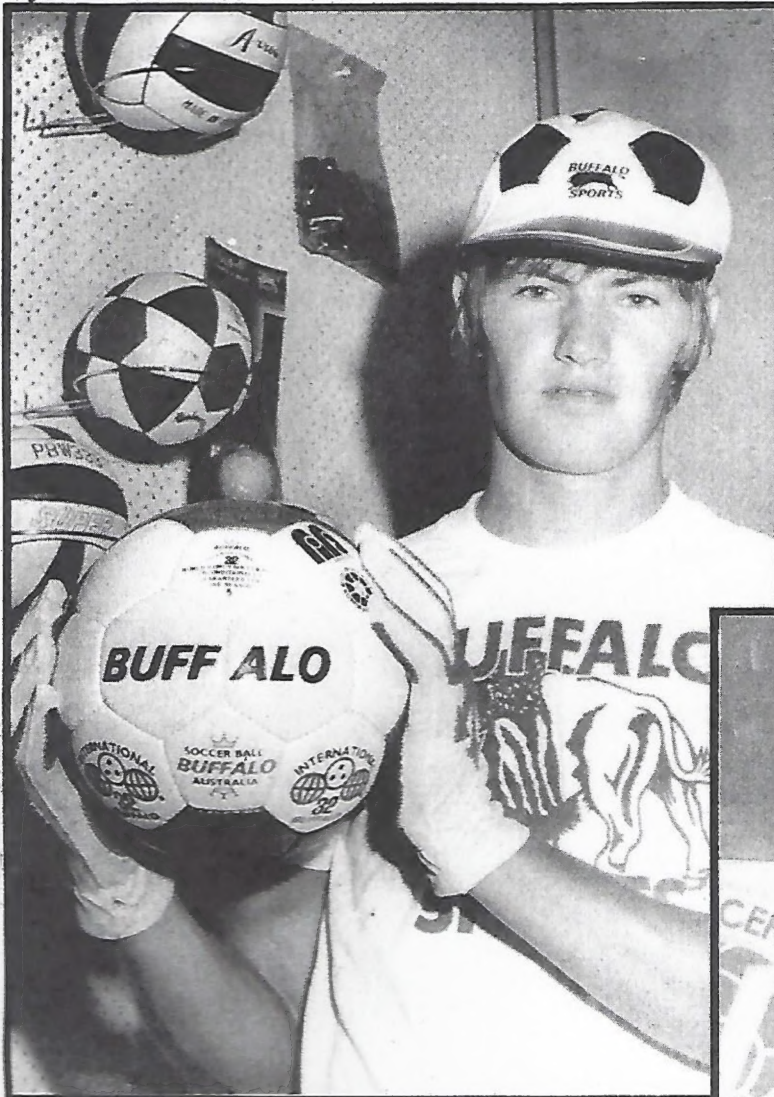
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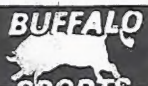
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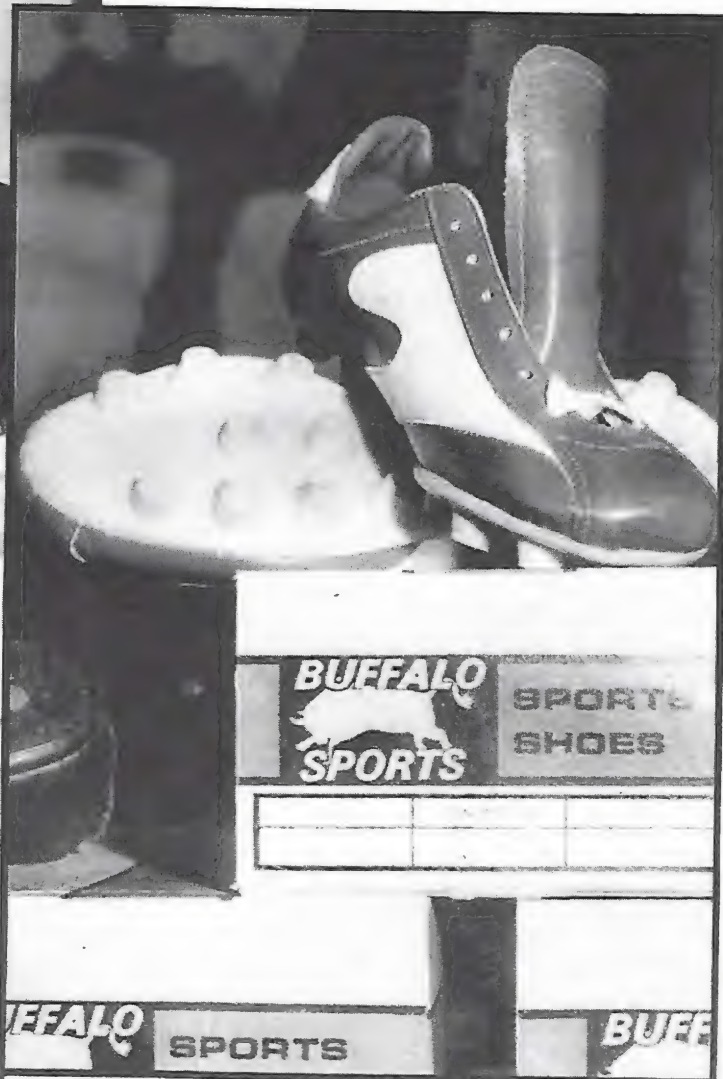
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By that I mean our PSL and top State League coaches. Like the young players, our coaches are the key to our development.

Unlike the increasing number of mercenary visits by overseas coaches, our locals are the ones who live here, understand the local players and conditions better and most importantly, have the long-term future of Australian soccer at heart.

At the moment, unless our coaches undertake off-season trips to Europe or South America at their own expense, there is nowhere locally that they can improve their knowledge.

The Directorate of Coaching, set up many years ago was supposed to supply that service but as we all know, there is an enormous conflict between the experienced practical coaches and the theory boys.

There is a mutual lack of respect and it hard to imagine John Margaritis, Les Scheinberg, Tommy Docherty, Rudi Gutendorf, Rale Rasic, Atti Abonyi, Manny Poulakakis, Frank Arok and company attending a refresher course run by one of our theory boys.

At the outset of the PSL the various club managers were

asked how the PSL could help them.

The top item in the assistance stakes was for the PSL to bring a top-class practical coach to give them a refresher course.

Like many of the good ideas this one has disappointingly fallen by the wayside but it is one which should be resurrected for the sake of local coaches and the top teams.

The closest the locals came to receiving this service was when Joe Venglos was here several years ago.

At the end of the seminar Joe asked what the coaches would like from FIFA in the future.

For many of us there, came one of the most embarrassing moments in soccer when one of the theory boys asked that "in the future could we have a coach who spoke English properly?"

While, potentially, the establishment of a PSL Youth League this year is a progressive step, I seriously doubt whether it will achieve what is set out to achieve.

At best it will be an expensive public relations exercise for our PSL clubs.

The idea, of course, is for all clubs (only nine are participating in 1981) to have fourth

teams which play before PSL matches.

The league also includes a team from the Institute of Sport in Canberra.

From these teams, comprising potentially the best youth players in the land, the youth league will provide the ideal stepping stone for our best youngsters to graduate to PSL ranks and some then hopefully, to the national team.

All this is fine in theory.

In practice, however, youth development has been merely a PR exercise for most of our clubs and I'm afraid the new league will be no different.

For youngsters to "make it" depends not on youth leagues, coaching programmes and the like, but on a courageous and far-sighted club policy and an equally courageous club manager/coach who will risk results and reputation to give youngsters the opportunity.

To illustrate that point, I was fortunate enough in my earlier days to play for Canterbury-Marrickville - a club which then ranked as the leader in real youth development.

Its club policy was youth

and its coach, Joe Vlasits, had the courage and faith to carry out its youth policy with tremendous results at times when the standard of imports was a lot higher than it is today.

Players like Johnny Watkins, Ron Corry, Brian Smith, Tommy North, Eddie Jones, Alan Westwater, Denis Yaeger all "made it" not because of fancy coaching programmes, flowery statements and youth leagues but simply because we were given the opportunity and once given that opportunity we were backed 100% by the coach who was in turn backed by the club.

Since the Canterbury days, few, if any clubs have positively carried out a meaningful youth policy.

Interestingly enough, the clubs that have been the most successful in carrying out a real youth policy (conversion of their own juniors into first team players) have also been among the most successful.

In this bracket I would place the St George team of the 1967-1975 era, Marconi and Sydney City.

With perhaps a couple of minor adjustments this is the conversion rate of our leading

club's youth development programmes, all much publicised but the success rate more than pathetic.

1. Marconi
2. Sydney City, Adelaide City, Footscray

1. Leichhardt, Sydney Olympic, Newcastle KB, Blacktown, West Adelaide, South Melbourne
2. Preston, Wollongong, Brisbane Lions, Brisbane City, Canberra, Heidelberg

Figures are based on early round of this year's PSL.

It is a poor conversion rate and one I fear will not change dramatically with the introduction of the Youth League unless clubs, their administrators and coaches develop a little more courage to back their statements with positive youth development.

If the clubs won't do it themselves I feel it is up to the ASF/PSL to make them do so.

After all, if we can make our clubs change their names and give up their proud heritage in the process, surely we can make them develop juniors into senior players.

Soccer here will never really make it until that happens.

READERS' FORUM

Wrong time

SIR — Just a few complaints to start off the season.

1. No programmes available for Victoria v Dinamo Zagreb. I didn't have a clue who was who.

2. No pre-match entertainment for me. I was aware of typical VFL mess.

3. Relegation of the soccer on Saturday night on Channel 7 to 12.55 am Sunday. Must be ratings time again!!!!

No soccer player in "Age/Caltex" finals. If the Victorian crew can get nominated for winning the Kings Cup at Lake Wendouree and Jim Higgs for best bowling aver-

ages in the Shield, then why isn't Gary Cole in there also? He was leading prior to the PSL (a record number of goals), a hat-trick against Sydney City in the grand final, represented Victoria and Australia, here and overseas.

I think some headlines in your paper and more pressure by the local soccer writers may prove to be of help. Why not get in touch with Channel 7 and find out the reason why soccer has been relegated, or give phone numbers and name of programme controller in the paper and ask people to ring Channel 7 to put forward their views. Good luck.

— J. MITCHELL, Dandery Road, Windsor, Vic.

Poor TV

SIR — After reading Mike Johnson's column in "Soccer Action" 18.2.81 and viewing the first Philips Top Soccer on "9", I would like to put forward my views on TV soccer. I already think they are more constructive than destructive.

Firstly I would like to say that I agree with Mike Johnson's views and secondly I was not impressed with the first edition of "P.T.S." Before I mention the faults, I would like to say that I am ethnically-minded when it comes to names of clubs etc, but on TV I feel the more Australian and professional the show, the better for soccer, as the only place a non-soccer supporter will have a chance to view an Australian soccer match is on TV and if not impressed, there is not much chance of getting them to attend games.

The faults, as I found them: Les Murray — in my mind is not the right person for the job. He made many errors. At the start he mentioned the show had four good games, when there were three. He was calling players by wrong names. It was interesting to see Stevenson called Christopoulos. At one stage he called the Gunners' bench the Marconi bench and generally did a poor job overall. At times he was lost for words and his accent did not help. I could go on.

Another fault was the standard of play. I was under the impression that the games shown were the highlights. Well, if showing S.M. Hellas playing to passing the ball among themselves at the back for five minutes before half time is a highlight, then there is no future for our game. I feel that only the best part of the game should be shown and not the uninteresting play.

Also, I must complain about channel 9. Here in Adelaide the game was scheduled for 10.30 pm on Friday night, but due to the tennis it was shown at 11.30 pm. I for one had planned my night around the 10.30 pm kickoff and was disturbed by the change. Also I feel Friday nights are the best nights to show P.T.S. However, I must say that the three games shown were at least the best on paper to film and I congratulate the show for attempting to show us the best games.

All in all, a more professional approach is required if P.T.S. is to help build Australian soccer.

While I am saying all this, I might as well mention my thoughts on Craig Mackenzie's column — well done Bluey — I think you have hit the nail on the head.

Getting to Rale Rasic's column re John Kosmina. I feel that Australian supporters

will now see the real Kosmina in action. All he needed was a team to use him properly and with the Slickers he will be deadly. Congratulations on your good goal against Adelaide City. Juventus, Giants, Wackers, John.

— Adelaide soccer supporter and reader of "Soccer Action", Australia's leading soccer weekly.

Insularity?

SIR — Your Mr Walter Pless shed his wrath and indignation on England's football commissars recently over their absence from Uruguay's Copa de Oro, going so far as to brand the decision as "stupidity". Quite contrary to being stupid, English F.A. Chairman Ted Croker's decision to excuse his national team from attending this meaningless sideshow amounts to sound wisdom indeed in the light of two facts.

Clearly Mr Croker saw little value in complicating an already crowded domestic calendar for the sake of a soccer circus which generated emotions that badly misrepresented the important of the thing. In addition to the inconvenience of the postponed league and Cup matches that would have resulted from England's attendance, the forward-thinking gentleman evidently considered the obvious risk of injuries, to the detriment of clubs chasing domestic honours.

England should be excused any evident notions of paranoia about playing in South America for the sake of it, when one remembers the treatment meted out to Celtic and Manchester United over there a decade ago. Even more recently, while the invitation to compete in the Mundialito was being considered by the English F.A. the Uruguayan team was busy hacking and clogging its way across Europe, which hardly encouraged a favourable decision from London.

As to the football played in the tournament, Brian Glanville's prediction that it would prove to be an orgy of yet more hacking and clogging was — happily — not realised and in fact a lot of good soccer was in evidence (though the event was not without its ugly moments, was it?).

Finally, Mr Pless's charges of "insularity" on the part of the English are valid, if just a little dated. Certainly English sides did abstain from international competitions in the fifties for just the reasons stated in the gentleman's diatribe, but things have changed a great deal since then.

Kevin Keegan's oft-stated belief that England will not be CAN in the World Cup, and Ron Greenwood's appraisal of his team as ranking number three or four in Europe are implicit gestures of humility that nevertheless flatter the standing of the England team in the minds of the majority of people over there these days.

Having made these points I should hasten to add that it is hard to understand why so much space was appropriated to a piece of purely negative journalism that probably extended nobody's knowledge of soccer by one iota. Can we please have less of this kind of "bashing" this season and perhaps more space for the Metropolitan League?

— DAVID SHERROTT, Kensington, Vic.

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Austria v Richmond in Dockerty Cup

The Second preliminary round of the Victorian Dockerty Cup will be played on Saturday at 2.45 pm. Games are:

Nunawading City v Frankston Pines, Knox City v Morwell Falcons, Farntrie Gully v Coburg, Moorabbin City v Springvale City, Fawkner v Dandenong City, Heidelberg v Albion Rovers, Monash University v Keyborough, Melbourne v Sandringham City, Port Melbourne v Footscray, Yallourn v Altona, Geelong v Prahran, Albion Rovers v Coburg, Knox City v Ardeer, Werribee v North Dandenong, Mornington v Brighton, Kallaroo v Richmond.

The second round of the Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup also will be played on Saturday at 2.45 pm. Games:

Moorabbin v Moorabbin City, Melbourne v Kallaroo-Austria, Heidelberg v Springvale City, Essendon v Kew Park Rangers, Brighton v Frankston City, Altona v Prahran, Albion Rovers v Coburg, Knox City v Ardeer, St Albans v Western Suburbs, Brunswick United v Richmond, Green Gully v Altona City, Nunawading City v Epping, St Kilda Hawks v Broadmeadows City, Northcote v Port Melbourne, Mordialloc v Frankston Pines, Croynon City v George Cross.

The quarter-finals of the Provisional League Cup, on Saturday at 2.45 pm: North Geelong v Moorabbin, Moorabbin v Moorabbin City, Moorabbin v Moorabbin City, Moorabbin v Moorabbin City, Moorabbin v Moorabbin City, Moorabbin v Moorabbin City, Moorabbin v Moorabbin City, Moorabbin v Moorabbin City.

The quarter-finals of the District League Cup on Sunday at 2.45 pm: Cheltenham v Springvale United, Abbotsford v Tassie, Port Melbourne v Moorabbin, Moorabbin v Moorabbin City, Moorabbin v Moorabbin City, Moorabbin v Moorabbin City, Moorabbin v Moorabbin City, Moorabbin v Moorabbin City.

The quarter-finals of the Central Amateur League Cup on Sunday at 2.45 pm: Holland Park v Lyndale United (3-1), Maccabi Hawks v Dingley (2-0), Burwood v Bayswater City (1-0), Waverley v Meadow Park (2-0), Kooyong v Dingley (1-0), Epping v Waverley (1-0), West United v Westall (2-0), Chadstone v Concord (2-1), Macleod v Westall (1-0).

Last weekend's results: DOCKERTY CUP — Preliminary Round: Bell Park v Moorland (3-1), Sunbury United v Knox City (1-1) AET (Knox 5-4), Ardeer v Frankston Pines (2-3), Footscray v Dandenong Rovers (2-0), Kew Park Rangers v Heidelberg United (3-2).

HARRY ARMSTRONG RESERVE CUP — First Round: Frankston Pines v Moorabbin v Moorabbin Pines, Port Melbourne v Moorabbin (13-1), Western Suburbs v Box Hill (15-2), Prahran v Moorabbin City (2-3) AET, Springvale City v Brighton City (10-2), Dandenong City v Broadmeadows City (11-2), Mornington v Moorabbin City (2-0), North Dandenong v Heidelberg United (0-3), Prahran v Fawkner (5-2), Farntrie Gully v Green Gully (2-3), Prahran City v Kew Park Rangers (1-2), Kallaroo v Doveton (3-0), Broadmeadows City v Albion Rovers (2-4) AET.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP — Second Round: Kallaroo United v West Melbourne (4-0) abandoned 10th min, Moorabbin v Mordialloc (4-0), Berwick City v Caulfield City (2-2) AET (5-4 to Caulfield), Yarraville v Hawthorn (2-1), University of Melbourne v North Geelong (1-2), South Oakleigh v Langwarrin (4-3), Clifton Hill v Roxshead (5-3), Thornstomth v Ballarat (2-1).

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE RESERVE CUP — Second Round: Moorabbin v Loder United (3-2), North Geelong v Melton (2-2), Boronia v South Oakleigh (2-2) AET (3-2 to South Oakleigh), West Melbourne v Mordialloc (1-2) AET, Hawthorn v Hotham United (2-4), Thornstomth v Bulleen (3-1), Greenborough v Lavenderin (2-0), Hamlyn Rangers v Kyneton (1-1).

DISTRICT LEAGUE CUP — Second Round: Cheltenham v Burnley (2-1), North Sunshine v West Geelong (2-3) AET, Abbotsford Tassie v Clarendon (6-1), Balclutha v Malvern City (0-3), Ascot United v East Carlton (0-1), Cranbourne v West Brunswick (1-2), Springvale United v Parkmore (4-1), Vermont v Postal Institute (0-4).

DISTRICT LEAGUE RESERVE CUP — Second Round: Batman United v Cheltenham (7-0), Malvern City v Sandford United (3-1), Altona United v Moorabbin (4-0), Balclutha v Central Brunswick (1-0), East Carlton v Vermont (1-1), Clarendon v Moorabbin (2-1), Abbotsford Tassie v North Sunshine (0-5).

CENTRAL AMATEUR LEAGUE CUP — Holland Park v Lyndale United (3-1), Maccabi Hawks v Dingley (2-0), Burwood v Bayswater City (1-0), Waverley v Meadow Park (2-0), Kooyong v Dingley (1-0), Epping v Waverley (1-0), West United v Westall (2-0), Chadstone v Concord (2-1), Macleod v Westall (1-0).

ENGLISH SCENE

Three points for a win isn't new in English soccer. A good few years ago the Isthmian League pioneered this innovation and Fred Callaghan, now manager of Brentford, was boss of Woking at the time. Fred says he found it didn't influence the way teams approached a match and certainly didn't produce any revolutionary tactics. And he says emphatically: "I'll tell you what difference it will make — none."

Aston Villa making its strongest challenge for the First Division title since it last won it over 70 years ago is doing so without two of its most experienced and capable players. Front runner Brian Little, who has not played in the first team since last April and had a cartilage operation in the summer, is out for the rest of the season while Mike Pejic, a \$500,000 full back from Stoke who has been sidelined for 14 months with an abdominal injury, may have to pack in altogether.

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VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP

CROYDON FOR SEMIS

A semi-final berth in the 1981 Ampol Cup is up for grabs when Juventus and Croydon clash at Middle Park this Sunday.

Green Gully Ajax must defeat Northcote this Saturday night at Olympic Park to win through to the semi-finals, knowing that either Juventus or Croydon must lose the following day.

Should Northcote surprise Ajax, goal difference will decide the two group B semi-finalists.

Juventus must be at full strength to beat Croydon but its cause is not helped by the Phillips Cup match it must play tonight (Wednesday) against Hakoah.

Last week injuries to John Creany and Mendo Ristovski forced coach Joe Wilson into fielding a below strength line-up but Croydon won't allow Juve off the back if Wilson again is plagued by injuries as a result of tonight's match.

Croydon's defence looked impressive against Northcote last week.

Steve McCombe is strong in the air and with Alan Fongho behind him little gets through.

Should John Howarth be fit after missing last

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

GREEN GULLY AJAX V Northcote at Olympic Park, Saturday, 7.30 pm.

CROATIA V Ringwood at Olympic Park, Saturday, about 8.50 pm.

FRANKSTON V HAKOAH at Middle Park, Sunday, 2.45 pm.

CROYDON V Juventus at Middle Park, Sunday, about 4.10 pm.

Sunshine V DOVETON at Kim Reserve, Sunday, 2.45 pm.

GEORGE CROSS V Altona at Kim Reserve, Sunday, about 4.10 pm.

week's game Jimmy Spinks probably will move back to right back. His experience will be crucial against Fabio Incantulupo.

The midfield battle should go Croydon's way. Paul Wade's creativity, Howarth's industry and Duncan Smith's ability to win the ball give Croydon a good blend here.

Juve looks slow in midfield. Charlie Smith, Lou Sannipoli and Fausto Tarquinio aren't noted for their pace.

Provided Bobby McGuinness and Incantulupo can be stifled Croydon should win. But that task is much easier said than done.

Ajax should defeat Northcote this Saturday night.

Gus McLeod is a bustling central striker with the knack of getting onto the end of balls crossed into the area and he'll notch a few goals this season.

The biggest problem with Ajax's attack is that Kevin Wall has been unable to work off McLeod as anticipated.

Northcote has shown interest in disgruntled Juventus striker George Gillan and could be in the market for George Cross spearhead Tony Cowan.

The Northerners will make a last ditch bid for a semi-final berth but must defeat Ajax handsomely to sneak through. It's task looks hopeless.

Frankston's cup aspirations are slim with other hopefuls, Croatia and George Cross, looking likely winners against Ringwood and Altona respectively.

Should the Baysiders defy all reason and hammer Hakoah by enough goals to grab a semi-final spot, the first round at the nearest pub's on me!



BY CRAIG MACKENZIE

All the details

CROATIA 3 (Gilder 2, Adams pen.) **ALTONA 0** at Olympic Park. **MATCH RATING 6.** Referee Stirling 7.

CROATIA: Blasby 8 Short 7, Koska 7, Kerr 8, Bilaver 7 - Tront 8 (Karin 64th), Adams 8, (Golovic 60th), Murphy 7, Batistovic 8, Gilder 7, Mitten 6.

ALTONA: Mamishi 7 - P. Wilson 7, K. Wilson 7, Kilpatrick 8, McGarrigle 6 - Wietters 8, Innes 7, Murphy 6, Deluca 6 (Basar 50th), O'Boyle 8, Little 6.

CROYDON 1 (Brogan) **NORTHCOTE 0** at Olympic Park. **MATCH RATING 6.** Referee: Fokianos 7.

CROYDON: Edwards 8 - Brown 7, Pongho 7, McCombe 7, Hobson 7 - Spinks 7, Smith 7, Wade 7 - P. Loughnane 7, Abbott 8, Brogan 8.

NORTHCOTE: Tachiris 8 - Kalifatis 7, Bozila 7, Karabatsos 7 (Ignatidis 65th), Fakos 8 - Gatzonis 7, Berticotto 8, Rujevic 7, Paulus 8 (Stogolunac 54th) - Sali nida 7, Tsetos 8.

RINGWOOD 2 (Greener, O'Riley) **FRANKSTON 1** (McCluskey) at Croydon Park. **MATCH RATING 6.** Referee: Voutsinas 8.

RINGWOOD: Bravo 6 - Pasa-

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8 - Thompson 8, Adams 7, McCluskey 8, Campbell 8 (Reador 54th) - Young 8, Cooper 7, Ormond 8 (Webb 50th) - Brewster 7, Buchanan 7, Burroughs 6.

DOVETON 1 (Irvine pen) **AJAX 1** (McLeod) at Croydon Park. **MATCH RATING: 8.** Referee Upjohn 5.

DOVETON: Ivanoff 8 - McConville 8, Corke 7, Mavrick 8, Thurlow 7 - Train 8 (sent off 65th), Wilcock 7, Campbell 7 - Irvine 7, Charlie 7 (Bradshaw 17th extra time).

AJAX: Danya 7 - Lewis 8, Cannell 8, Gardiner 8, Smart 8 - Houghen 8 (Sud H.T.), Vassallo 7, Bennett 7 - Wall 6, McLeod 7, Morrey 7.

SUNSHINE 2 (Nelson) **JUVENTUS 2** (Incantulupo 21st) at Chaplin Reserve. **Juventus** won 7-6 on penalties. **Match rating 8.** Referee: Yelland 8.

SUNSHINE: Contini 8 - Dwyer 8, Hird 7, McRobert 8, Morovic 6 - Petherick 8 (Campbell 65th), Nelson 8, Esposto 8 - Sloggia 4, Mudrinic 8, Seoni 4.

JUVENTUS: Fantome 7 - Donadson 8, McMillan 8, Tarquinio 7, Hird 8 - Curcio 8 (Romano 45th), Hird 8, Sennipoli 7, Lucio 8 (Faherty 50th), Zeiglar 8, Mizzi 8.

GEORGE CROSS 2 (Flaherty, Mizzi) **HAKOAH 1** (McCluskey) at Chaplin Reserve. **MATCH RATING 8.** Referee: Farn 5.

GEORGE CROSS: Amos 8 (Day H.T. 7) - Dasa 8, Wilkinson 8, Morgan 7, Matland 8 - Gamin 7, Bannion 7, McKinley 8 - Farmer 7 (Flaherty 50th), Zeiglar 8, Mizzi 8.

HAKOAH: Fryzzer 7 - Gadeby 8, Thompson 8, Jordanov 7, (McNeil 70th), Edmondson 4 - Blair 6, French 7, Kent 6 - McCluskey 6, Webster 7, Deacon 7 (Mallaghan H.T. extra time).

Ampl Cup standings

SECTION A

SECTION B

Ampl Cup goalscorers' list:

2 - Nelson (Sunshine), Murphy, Adams, Batistovic (Croatie), McGuinness (Juventus), Mizzi (George Cross), Spinks (Croydon), Tsetos (Northcote), Wall, McLeod (Ajax), Webster, McCluskey (Hakoah), Adams (Frankston), Brogan (Croydon).

Lewis, Cannell, Morrey (Ajax), Tront (Croatie), Irvine, Cullyer, Train, Thurlow (Doveton), Scori, Mudrinic, Esposto (Sunshine), Gillan, Ristovski (Juventus), Wyllie (Croydon), French, Kent (Hakoah), Delyannis, Buchanan, McCluskey (Frankston), Rigby, Flaherty (George Cross), Thom, Greener, O'Riley (Ringwood).

Ten Doves fly high

Send-offs, controversy and a gallant fight by Doveton when reduced to ten men highlighted an interesting fourth round of Ampol Cup matches last weekend.

The Doves were magnificent in defeat after Jim Train was sent off in the second half, the first time he'd received his marching orders in an 11-year Australian career.

Their opponent Ajax continued to struggle to knit together. Sweeper John Gardiner had an unusually poor game. His disposal let him down and he often was collared just as he prepared to release the ball.

Kevin Wall again failed to impress but bustling striker Gus McLeod took the game into extra time with a near post header from Bill Morrey's corner which levelled Steve Irvine's successful penalty attempt earlier in the second half.

The Doves were undeterred by Train's send-off and their commitment was so fierce that they threatened to send Ajax to an inglorious defeat.

Referee Upjohn had a poor

earn a thoroughly deserved win at Frankston's expense.

Ringwood right winger Alex Anderson ran riot for most of the game. Central defensive partners David Brooks and John Loughnane combined effectively to blunt most Frankston attacks while John O'Callaghan, Bob Malt and Gary Greenwald won in midfield.

Ian Greener opened the scoring in the first half when he ran in and from point blank range tapped home Anderson's low drive which flashed across the goalmouth.

Frankston replied quickly. Bruce Young's far post free kick found the head of Danny McCluskey who beat the challenge of Ringwood keeper Carlos Bravo and levelled the score.

Mike de Bruyckere's second half substitution proved decisive.

Paul O'Riley arrived last Friday and hadn't acclimatised in time for a full game but he replaced Calder Reid in the 45th minute and scored the winner eight minutes later.

Frankston keeper Dave Gilbert made a series of fine saves but he could do little more than palm out Anderson's cross and O'Riley pounced from about ten metres and struck the ball home.

Gilbert and McCluskey were Frankston's best.

Instead of providing cover for his full backs McCluskey found himself regularly forced into one-on-one situations. He won most balls in the air and his goal capped a fine display.

Croydon shaded Northcote by a solitary goal last Saturday night at Olympic Park and the main feature of Croydon's display was its defensive organisation which completely blotted out Northcote spearhead Spiro Tsetos and gave limited opportunities to Sakis Sahinidis.

A terrible second half blunder by Mark Karabatsos who lost possession in the middle of a square Northcote defence allowed Dave Brogan to tap in the winner.

Northcote's best chance to level was thwarted by a brave save from Croydon keeper Mick Edwards.

In a desperate move to give Northcote's attack a focal point coach Jim Kriaris moved Kris Kalifatis up front and after fine work by Sahinidis, Kalifatis headed across goal.

Giovanni Battistovic's lunging slide was too late and Edwards flung himself down to smother the ball.

In the final minute Con Fakos attempted a silly pass back to Tachiris, Brogan broke clear and was felled by the Northcote keeper. But young Tachiris made amends with a fine save from Peter Loughnane's penalty try.

The second game at Olympic Park last Saturday threatened to provide goals galore. Altona hadn't scored in the Ampol Cup and faced mighty Croatia, leading scorer in the competition.

But the spirit and endeavour of Altona held its more glamorous opponent at bay until Carl Gilder struck in the 23rd minute.

Ante Bilaver played a through ball, Gilder shrugged off the challenge from young Brian Kilpatrick, rounded Altona keeper Rob Memishi and tapped the ball into the unprotected goal.

But Altona stuck to its task and Memishi and his fellow defenders frustrated Croatia's 'name' players for the remainder of the half.

Altona coach John Brown

was incensed by the 46th minute penalty decision of referee Stirling who pointed to the spot claiming that an Altona defender had deliberately handled.

"That decision really hurt us as the lads played their hearts out," said Payne after the match.

Keith Adams had no difficulty in converting the penalty and nine minutes later an inch perfect header by Noel Mitten set-up Gilder who tapped the ball past Memishi for his second and Croatia's third.

But Gilder blew his chance of a hat-trick in the 62nd minute when his penalty attempt was foiled by the base of the upright.

Croatia's players were disappointed after the match with their performance and although Altona was beaten 3-0 its players deserved a pat on the back for their endeavour.

Spectators at Chaplin Reserve last Sunday certainly got their money's worth.

The afternoon provided a rough encounter between Hakoah and George Cross in which Hakoah's Chris Kent was sent off and a thrilling penalty showdown between Juventus and Sunshine with the miss from Sunshine youngster Steve Scerri allowing Juventus to escape with both points.

Cross was without Dave Rigby who was in hospital recovering from a nose operation due to breathing difficulties. Laurie Bilusic who hurt his ankle in an industrial accident and the injured Robert Mirak.

Its hard fought win was all the more meritorious with a depleted squad but when Richie McCluskey pounced on Oliver Gay's parry from Stan Webster's header it looked as though Cross would lose.

Then Brian Flaherty struck with four minutes of normal time left.

Billy Wilkinson played the ball to Harry McKinlay who sent Flaherty away. The former Makedonia and Austria striker celebrated his return to State League ranks with a fine equaliser after his well timed run had caught Hakoah defenders Les Thompson and Gerry Edmondson square.

Referee Fongho had waved his yellow card about on half a dozen occasions in normal time but his most important decision came half way through the first half of extra time when he gave Chris Kent his marching orders for alleged dangerous play.

An unmarked Ray Mizzi headed past Hakoah keeper Mike Fryzzer who had stood on his line and the Cross had opened up the race in section A for two semi-final berths.

Sunshine's two goals near the end of both halves of normal time almost sent Juventus sinking to defeat in the second Chaplin Reserve clash.

The Shiners struck just before half time when Rob Nelson beat Juve's offside trap and slotted the ball home past the helpless Alex Fantoma.

Fabio Incantulupo gave Juve a 2-1 lead in the second half with Lou Sannipoli and Bobby McGuinness's help.

First of the Australian youth player's goals came from a Sannipoli pass which sent Incantulupo through into a one-on-one with Sunshine keeper Alan Contini and McGuinness's close ball skill set up number two The 1980 Rothmans Medalist beat Mike Dixey and Steve Ellis and cut the ball back to the incoming Incantulupo who made no



Flying Northcote winger Sakis Sahinidis eludes this sliding tackle from Croydon left back Gary Hobson.



Two new signings clash. On the left is Northcote's Kris Kalifatis, ex-Hellas. Close behind is Croydon's English import Peter Abbott.

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THE JUNIOR SCENE

Beware of the 'body snatchers'

A speech by Dr. W. W. Ewans at a conference in Adelaide last year should be studied by anyone who is involved with junior soccer, and I only hope that people who read this article will derive some benefit from it.

Children as young as five and six were being forced into a highly organised and competitive sporting atmosphere Dr Ewans claimed.

"Soccer and football are the chief offenders but those involved in other sports are equally guilty of body snatching," he said.

"The continued involvement of young children in highly stressful competition operates in spite of the fact that the official position in many organisations (rugby, soccer, cricket) is that they should NOT begin before the age of 10 to 12.

"The question of the appropriateness of adult-oriented sports for young children is not new — sports administrators have been arguing about it for years.

"Unfortunately, the focus has been on talk rather than action. At one end of the continuum is the purist who believes that the game must not be tampered with. At the other end, are those who believe organised sport is not appropriate to the socialisation of the young.

"The great pity is that both extremist views are self-destructing."

Dr Ewans said it was imperative that if sport was to be available to all, then the methods of inducing young children into the game must be critically examined and a rational development programme introduced.

The evidence was reasonably conclusive that from a physiological, psychological and sociological perspective, young children were NOT equipped to handle a major sport in the accepted sense.

"Some attempts have been made to modify the learning experiences for young players — tee-ball, sevens rugby, modified Australian Rules to name a few," Dr Ewans said.

"But no school system, nor national sporting body has yet been prepared to legislate modifications that will develop a sound sport vocabulary that enables children to explore and discover the excitement of playing a game well.

"The major drawback of all the current attempts at modification is that they approach the problem from the wrong perspective.

"They attempt to break the game down rather than build it up.

"Therefore, the traditional ends remain paramount — winning is rules, goals or tries based on traditional criteria.

KB youngsters backed by steel

Newcastle United Soccer Club has signed an \$8,000 sponsorship deal with Allico Steel to support the Club's Youth Team in 1981.

The sponsorship means that the side will have the backing of the Tomago-based firm in time for the start of the first competition match against Sydney City Youth at the International Sports Centre this Sunday.

Allico's contribution will fully cover the youth side's administrative, coaching and travelling costs for the 1981 season.

A new youth playing strip, incorporating Allico Steel's symbol has been ordered by the club. The youth side is coached by the club's assistant manager, Mr Frank Campbell and has entered for the inaugural season of the Australian Youth League's nine-team Eastern Division.

Newcastle will play most of its home youth matches at curtain raisers to the senior team's Philips Soccer League appearances at the International Sports Centre.

The other eight youth teams will be drawn from the five Sydney based PSL clubs, one from Wollongong, one from Canberra City and another from the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

The members of Newcastle's youth squad are:

Darryl Slatyer, age 16, goalkeeper, previous club Central Coast. Glen Wand, age 16, defender, previous club Kotara South. Nigel Drysdale, age 17, left side player, previous club Central Coast. Neil Anderson, age 18, centre back, previous club Adamstown Rosebuds. Simon Brandt, age 16, defender, previous club Kotara South. Bernard Kirby, age 17, midfielder, previous club Wallsend. Ralph Maier, age 16, midfielder, previous club South Cardiff. George Raftery, age 16, midfielder, previous club Kotara South. Robbie Green, age 16, midfielder, previous club West Wallsend. Ross Wells, age 16, striker, previous club Kotara South. Tony Caban, age 16, striker, previous club Edgeworth. David Lowe, age 16, striker, previous club Wallsend. Grant Storey, age 18, striker, previous club Edgeworth.

REGIONAL TRIALS

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U/14 Coach Mr H Petras Manager to be appointed Contact Mr Petras on 699 4106 or Mrs Kane on 557 4215

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U/15 Coach Mr O Gonzo Manager Mr D Kane 557 4215

Trials at Cheltenham High School, Bernard St Saturday's at 2:00 pm

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U/12 Coach Mr B Reeves 786 1437 Manager Mr B Davies 786 5910

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U/13 Coach Mr C Fletcher 786 4488 Manager Mr A Ormond 789 5451

Trials at Karriang Soccer Clubs Ground, Sundays at 10 am

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U/12 Coach Mr A Alexander

Trials at Box-Hill Soccer Clubs Ground, Canterbury Rd, Sundays at 11 am

U/13 Coach Mr B Prodewsky

Trials at Crofton Ground, Dorset Rd, Crofton, Sundays at 10 am

U/14 Coach Mr L Fitzpatrick

Trials at Seaford Soccer Ground, Sundays at 10:30 am

U/15 Coach Mr H Gatt

Trials at Crofton Ground, Dorset Rd, Sundays at 12 noon, Dorset Rd Ground, drive through Dorset Gardens Hotel car park.

Clubs in the new Eastern Region are Balclutha, Borella, Box-Hill, Crofton, Doncaster, F. Gully, Gembrook, G. Waverly, Knox, Mitcham, Monbulk, Mooroolbark, Nunawading City, Nunawading United, New Park Rangers.

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U/14 Phone 311 0619 for information

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\$500,000 boost for Dandenong

Victorian Second Division club Dandenong City has been given a \$500,000 boost in its drive toward regaining the First Division status it lost last year.

The Dandenong council recently allocated this vast sum in loan funds to provide Dandenong with one of the finest sporting complexes in the state.

The loan announcement is the first feather in the cap of new club president Bob Grant.

The first stage of the complex's development involves the building of an amenities block and two soccer pitches.

Stage two will see the completion of an auditorium able to seat 200 people and will include a stage and boardroom.

A further four pitches will be made available by the project's completion.

The council's initiatives have been matched by Dandenong's recruiting campaign for this season.

Charlie Murphy has been signed from Crofton, Chris Valli has crossed from Frankston City and former Hakoah and Box Hill defender Jim Laphis has signed.

Keeper Ray Davies has resigned and Dandenong is chasing two State League players one of whom will appear before the VSF Appeals Board tonight (Wednesday).



Charlie Murphy

Keeper Kiwi tops two sports

"I wonder what his transfer fee is?" mused Chennel 7 cricket commentator Frank Tyson during a recent one-day encounter as New Zealand cover fielder Mark Burgess deftly flicked a return to wicket-keeper Ian Smith via his right boot.

Unknown to Tyson and the vast majority of viewers, Burgess in fact had a distinguished career as a soccer player before giving the game away to concentrate on the summer sport in 1970.

The New Zealand Player of the Year in 1965, he represented his country just once. Appropriately the match produced a "cricket score" as Manchester United centered to a 11-0 win during their 1967 tour.

A creative schemer with delicate ball control and fine passing ability, Burgess was also a long throw specialist — overarm of course. — PAUL MOON.

Rovers revamped KB re-signs Endacott

The junior section of the club is looking for a few more boys to fill up a number of squads, especially for U.15 and U.16.

Doncaster also has a new junior co-ordinator in John O'Bierne who has just returned

to the club after two years in the U.K.

Further information about Doncaster is available from Senior Section — G. McIntosh 842 4231; D. Casson 859 2247; Junior Section — J. O'Bierne 878 3438; E. Durrant 842 4293.

Newcastle KB coach Alan Vest, has announced that Neil Endacott now has a medical clearance to play football and that he has been re-signed by the club.

Endacott was seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident on February 7 last year.

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CLUB CLOSE-UP

WOLLONGONG



**SOCCER
ACTION**

From left, standing: Brian Turner (from Mt. Wellington, NZ), Leo Adam (Kew, WA), Ray Mohring (Rapid West Point, Tas.), Jim Preston (Newcastle KB), Natch Vardoroff (Wollongong United), Tony Dickinson (Brighton ICL, Tas.), Ken Morton (player-coach, ex-Rapid West Point, Tas.), Clive Campbell (Mt. Wellington, NZ), Peter Tradlinick (Newcastle KB), John Lathan (Mansfield, UK), Bill de Graf (Mt. Wellington, NZ), Chris Dunleavy (Hullfax, UK), Jim McBrean (Edgworth Eagles, Nth NSW), John Fleming (Port Vale, UK), Missing: Geoff Alnoworth (Liverpool, UK), Glen Fontana (Wollongong Utd), Peter Willis (Rapid West Point, Tas.).

Wollongong City, backed by Westfield and the Wollongong Leagues Club, was formed from scratch to give the Illawarra region representation in the Phillips League. After the first two years Wollongong — the Wolves — were sitting on top of the league (the NSW Football Association). Formation was done by administrators (Clive Campbell and Ken Morton) and player-coach, Greg Best. Although the Wolves are now a professional team, they were once a player-coach team. This winning team on a budget of only \$70,000. In one of the shrewdest recruiting moves on record, Morton has put together a squad that consists of four players from Tasmania, three from New Zealand, two from Newcastle, one from Edgworth, two from local club Wollongong United, one from Perth and five from England. Top men are New Zealand internationals Clive Campbell and Brian Turner.



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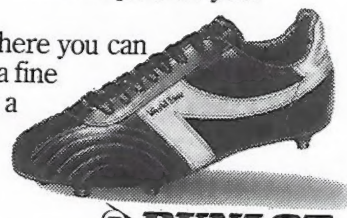
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Willie Murray: almost joined Best in U.S.

Sydney City's hopes of retaining its PSL crown have been given a considerable boost by Willie Murray, a teammate of the great George Best less than a year ago.

Before joining the "Slickers", Murray had been on the books of Scottish club Hibernian for seven years, having been signed from Salveson Boys' Club as an 18-year-old.

At the time the Edinburgh-based outfit was one of the top clubs in the land, challenging the traditional domination of Rangers and Celtic.

Competition for first-team places was intense and Murray had to wait eight months before making his debut and then only as a late substitution against Dundee.

League appearances were spasmodic during the course of the next three seasons as he became an almost permanent fixture on the substitutes' bench.

The highlight of a frustrating period was undoubtedly the 1975 Scottish League Cup final when Murray was allowed to display his skills before a crowd of 54,000.

Unfortunately the "Hi-Bees" were thrashed 6-3 by Celtic, for whom former Adelaide City favorite Dixie Deans slammed a hat-trick.

A brief, unhappy taste of European soccer was to follow two years later, Murray being a member of the Hibernian team surprisingly eliminated from the UEFA Cup by Swedish amateurs Oester Vaxjo.

It wasn't until 1978 that he established himself as a first team regular, playing in 21 Premier Division encounters that year, plus a further two UEFA Cup games.

The winger was to prove exasperatingly inconsistent though, mixing brilliant performances with miserable ones and midway through the 1978-79 term he returned to the reserves. Murray's career was hindered by the dramatic decline of Hibernian as a force in Scottish soccer. No longer were there first-class players around to guide him. Instead there was a motley collection of over-the-hill veterans and raw youngsters.

During the course of last season no fewer than 29 different names appeared on the Hibernian team sheet as manager Willie Ormond desperately tried to stumble upon a winning formula. When Murray was re-called to the first team he found himself on the opposite wing to George Best, the Irish genius having been recruited from America in an effort to salvage the rapidly-sinking ship.

Hibernian was doomed to relegation though and, despite a number of inspired performances by the two wingers, finished with a mere 18 points from 36 games.

Best was impressed with Murray's play to such an extent that he tried to interest his NASL club, San Jose Earthquakes, to recruit him, but the deal fell through.

Ormond, the former Scottish national team manager, retired from the Hibernian post due to ill health in August. Successor Bertie Auld immediately set to work with his new broom and, surprisingly, Murray was given a free transfer.

Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson, in Scotland on a recruiting mission, immediately snapped up the tricky winger.

With Hibernian Murray made 60 full appearances in the league, plus another 15 as substitute. He netted seven goals.

Fast and elusive, the 25-year-old has the potential to quickly establish himself as one of the great characters of the PSL. — PAUL MOON



Mike Johnson

Can the magic of Docherty match the Morton method?

It was interesting to watch the differing styles displayed by Wollongong City and Sydney Olympic in a recent clash at the Wollongong Showground.

Wollongong, built on English players with an English coach Ken Morton played a disciplined, organised, methodical game.

Olympic played with individual flair and dash characteristic of teams under the control of Scotsman, Tom Docherty.

The strengths and weaknesses of both styles became evident during the game.

In the first half the controlled Wollongong game, with its emphasis on supporting runs in attack and defence, one-touch passing and overall emphasis on teamwork, definitely looked superior.

Olympic's dash and flair was often misplaced, often producing 1v2 situations, with one Olympian continually losing out to two Wolves because of lack of support.

Olympic looked useful but continually stuttered and stopped with players going too often "one-out".

In the second half a weakness through the centre of Olympic's defence allowed Wollongong two more goals, but the Greek-supported team had definite superiority throughout the half.

The Poms were red in the face with the heat and seemed to tire.

Without the same sort of support around the ball the Wollongong game began to fall apart and Olympic began to appear quite an attractive side.

Certainly it was a game that quite easily could have had a different result.

Tom Docherty always has encouraged attacking flair.

At their best his teams produce exciting, crowd-pleasing games.

Manchester United saw the Docherty extrovert style reach its pinnacle.

The more conservative Dave Sexton, who took over United from Docherty, is finding the Doc's "magic" a cross he has had to bear as Manchester sought the consistency to win a league title.

On the other hand the bubble, froth and flair of the all-out attacking game can burst and descend into shambles in some situations.

It seldom produced the stability and consistency achieved by Leeds (the method team) or the machine-like precision of a Liverpool.

Yet it is probably what the people want to see. One Greek supporter said to me after the game: "I liked that soccer, even though we lost, I liked the soccer."

Whether he, or others like him, will continue to say this if Olympic keeps losing is another matter.

The Wollongong emphasis on teamwork should ensure a safe seat in the Philips league.

It has some good players.

Campbell, Fleming, Lathan, Tedinnick, McGreen and Dunleavy looked especially useful.

There is a lack of speed in the back four and I wonder, at this stage about goalkeeper Preston.

Captain and covering defender Dunleavy is a beautifully composed player.

Tom Docherty has some real skill to work with in the form of Housseini, Moulis, Katholas, Laing and slim midfield newcomer, Cork. Left-sided player Jennings is one of the most stylish runners in the game, with graceful and deceptive acceleration.

Probably Docherty would like to put some defensive stiffness into this rather exotic mix, without turning a soccer pavlova into a pudding.

Heidelberg's Gary Cole (left) gets the better of Bill de Graaf and Wollongong goalkeeper Jim Preston, but Wollongong won 3-0.

de Graaf aims to play World Cup

By PAUL MOON

Wollongong City's New Zealand recruits Clive Campbell and Billy de Graaf are both, naturally enough, eager to establish themselves quickly in the PSL. For de Graaf however the forthcoming weeks are particularly crucial.

Unlike Campbell, he is not a current international and the transfer to Wollongong provides a belated opportunity to confirm the enormous potential he displayed as a 16-year-old.

Born in Holland, de Graaf emigrated to New Zealand with his parents while still an infant.

An outstanding junior, representing the North Island at various age levels, he joined the Auckland club Eastern Suburbs upon leaving school in 1967.

Suburbs were already the outstanding club side of the

period, but the strong, bustling, enthusiastic newcomer gave their play an added dimension whether playing in midfield or as striker and they duly won the Chatham Cup, symbol of supremacy in New Zealand soccer.

During the same season de Graaf made his debut for the Auckland provincial side, scoring in a shock 2-2 draw against crack Czech team Slavia Prague, and for New Zealand during a 0-3 reverse at the hands of Cardiff City.

At 17 years of age, de Graaf appeared set for a long run in the national team, although it was with the Auckland XI with whom he enjoyed his finest moments, including a hat-trick against the touring Swiss side FC Zurich and a fine performance in the 3-1 victory over Queensland, a game staged to commemorate the opening of Perry Park.

After a mediocre performance against New Caledonia in 1972 the Eastern Suburbs striker was dropped from the national team, not to be recalled for eight years.

Although out of favour with the New Zealand selectors, he was still first choice for Auckland and appeared for them in the 0-0 draw with Australia at the Sydney Showgrounds in 1974.

The game, part of Rale Rasic's World Cup build-up, saw Auckland defending in depth against the Socceroos, whose finishing was pathetic. Two days later Auckland lost 2-1 to Northern New South Wales.

During the course of the next four seasons de Graaf proved remarkably enigmatic. Playing in the colors of three different clubs and used at various times as central defender, midfielder and striker,



It was little wonder he found difficulty in maintaining consistency.

In 1978 a transfer to Mount Wellington, the dominant force of New Zealand soccer in recent years, saw de Graaf, now settled at centre half, produce outstanding form.

Although chosen for the national "B" team to contest the Merdeka Tournament in Kuala Lumpur, it was obvious to de Graaf that national coach John Adshedd did not include him in his future plans.

Having gained three National League Champions' medals and four Cup Winners' medals, New Zealand domestic soccer held little further incentive and the opportunity to play in Australia, with its higher playing standard and greater financial rewards, was gratefully accepted.

City coach Ken Morton, who opposed de Graaf on a number of occasions whilst playing in the New Zealand National League, is fully aware of the commanding centre half's talents.

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COLOURS: Black, white

This week's match: v **SYDNEY OLYMPIANS** at Barton Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

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SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688
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GROUND: Lambert Park, 569 6845 (match day)
PROMOTION OFFICER: T. Raciti 82 0187
COLOURS: Maroon, sky blue



This week's match: v **BLACKTOWN DEMONS** at Gabbie Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

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COLOURS: White, red blk trim
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COACH: B. Edgley
GROUND: B. T. Connor Reserve,
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COLOURS: Red, black, gold

This week's match: v **HEIDELBERG WARRIORS** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 7.30 pm

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GROUND: Middle Park Stadium, Middle Park
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CANBERRA ARROWS

P.O. BOX 910 CANBERRA CITY, ACT 2601 (062) 48 8215
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GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce
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This week's match: v **SYDNEY SLICKERS** at National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Saturday 4 pm

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HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

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SECRETARY: S. Rombotis 428 3720
COACH: M. Polukakis
GROUND: Olympic Park (03) 42 0642
COLOURS: Blk and gold



This week's match: v **PRESTON RAMS** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 7.30 pm

SYDNEY SLICKERS

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COACH: E. Thomson
GROUND: Sydney Sports Ground
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SECRETARY: L. Tanovski, 470 4734
COACH: C. Cirkovic
GROUND: Schintler Reserve, Footscray Road, Footscray
COLOURS: Blue, white, red.



This week's match: v **SOUTH MELB. GUNNERS** at Schintler Reserve (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm

WOLLONGONG WOLVES

P.O. BOX 1706 WOLLONGONG
SECRETARY: R. Drake (042) 29 2018 (Bus)
COACH: K. Morton
GROUND: Wollongong Showgrounds
COLOURS: Red, white trim

This week's match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at Richlands Stadium (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm